



Heartland Conference of the United Church of Christ
Outdoor Ministries/Templed Hills Camp and Conference Center
Protocols and planning guide
During Covid State of Emergency/Advisory – Beginning January 1, 2021



These protocols are in effect unless the State of Ohio or the USA gives more strict orders. In that case we will follow those orders. Multiple protective layers provide the best protection for all situations and will be instituted at Templed Hills, until we are out of Covid-19 state of emergency or advisory.

- **All participants and staff eligible for the COVID-19 vaccine are highly encouraged and recommended to be fully vaccinated before coming to camp.**
 - Groups and events may determine that all eligible participants must be fully vaccinated to participate.
 - Participants and staff whose Primary Care Physician (PCP) advises against the vaccine for medical reasons should talk to their PCP about participation at camp activity to determine if their attendance is appropriate.
- **All participants shall come to camp well.**
 - All participants are recommended to monitor symptoms and reduce exposure risk two weeks prior to attendance.
 - All participants will be screened and document responses upon arrival
 - Anyone with symptoms or exposure to Covid-19 should:
 - Stay home according to current guidelines
 - Have a negative covid test and Doctors report that symptoms are not covid
- **All participants shall wear face masks covering their nose and mouth when indoors, when Richland County or the county that participants come from is in the “Substantial or High” level of cases as indicated by the CDC. <https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#county-view>**
 - Except when in own sleeping room
 - Except when sitting at table to eat
- **Cohorting should be used as well as other layers of protection, if group contains unvaccinated participants or other situations.**
 - Groups should work with Executive Director of Outdoor Ministry ahead of time to determine detailed protective layers specific to your event.
 - Groups with participants with unvaccinated individuals or immune compromised individuals living in their home may want to consider also using cohorting.
- **Resident Camp Opportunities** will follow the Ohio Sector Requirements for resident camps as well as recommendations from the CDC and the American Camp Association.

Please note these protocols may change due to the rapidly evolving information regarding Covid-19. We will follow current CDC and State guidelines and recommendations.

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