



Heartland Conference of the United Church of Christ

Outdoor Ministries/Templd 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.

- **At minimum, all participants shall conduct themselves according to recommended individual and household – level prevention behaviors based on their home county Covid-19 community level.**
 - Click [here](#) to see levels and recommendations.
 - For example, if your county is red, wear a mask indoors all the time and implement small cohorts for camp activities where distancing cannot be arranged.
 - If participants are from different communities, consider the new community you are creating.
- **Camps, especially overnight camps, are creating their own community. We encourage participants and organizers to create the lowest exposure community as possible:**
 - **All participants and staff eligible for the COVID-19 vaccine are highly encouraged and recommended to be fully vaccinated and up to date 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, following the guidance based on your home county community level.
 - Example: If your home county is red, see above, please take greater precautions by masking indoors, and staying distant from anyone outside of your household.
 - All participants will be screened and document responses upon arrival
 - Questions about symptoms and exposure will be asked.
 - Groups and events may choose to require pre-event/arrival testing for Covid-19
 - If testing is chosen, all participants should be tested regardless of vaccination status.
 - Anyone with symptoms or exposure to Covid-19 should:
 - Stay home according to current guidelines
 - Follow [CDC guidelines](#) for quarantine and isolation

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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