

Traveling Players

COMMUNICATIVE DISEASE PLAN (CDP)

Summer 2022

1.0 TESTING

1.1 Pre-Camp Testing

- This year, we've changed our policies — pre-camp COVID testing, in addition to vaccination, is mandatory for all staff and students. Here's why:
 - At time of writing, [almost every county in the state of Virginia is classified as having a dangerously high transmission rate](#). The rate of community transmission is correlated with the risk that one of our students will contract COVID right before arriving at camp.
 - We know that **a lot of campers' families have been traveling immediately prior to starting camp — sometimes internationally**. If this is your family — please be cautious, use good-quality masks, et cetera — for the sake of your child's camp experience!
 - At the end of the day, **we want your kids to arrive healthy, and we want them to be able to stay**. We would be utterly heartbroken if any of our students had to go home due to illness, and were unable to perform in the play they had worked so hard on, alongside all the friends they had bonded so much with.
- You'll submit the results of your COVID test to the office (email campdirector@travelingplayers.org). The test you take will depend on if you have had COVID in the past 90 days.
 - **Tested positive for COVID in the last 90 days?**
 - Please take a rapid (antigen) test the day before you arrive. You can order free rapid tests [here](#).
 - **Didn't test positive for COVID in the last 90 days?**
 - Please take a PCR (antibody) test within 72 hours of arrival. You can find PCR testing in your area by going to these websites and typing in your zip code. For [Virginia](#); for [Maryland](#); for [DC](#).
 - **Negative?**
 - Email a picture/forward the result to campdirector@travelingplayers.org — you're all set and ready to come to camp!
 - **Positive?**
 - Still please send your results to the office. You will not be able to attend camp this session. If there is space available in a later session, we'd love you to join then. If not, we will reimburse 100% of your tuition paid onto a gift card that can be used until the end of 2023 on any future class, show, event, or camp.

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1.2 Post-Arrival Testing

- Staff and students will be antigen tested 3-5 days after arriving at camp, in order to catch cases that might have slipped past pre-camp testing.

1.3 Further Testing

- At the discretion of the office, staff and students may be antigen tested in order to curtail the spread of COVID. This includes asymptomatic individuals, if they are a close contact of a suspected case.

2.0 HAND HYGIENE

- Campers and staff members must wash their hands during each transition between activity or location.
- Washing thoroughly with soap and water is more effective against COVID than alcohol-based hand sanitizer. If soap and water facilities are available within a reasonable distance, campers and staffers should wash their hands instead of using hand sanitizer.

3.0 SANITIZATION

- High-contact areas and surfaces (including doorknobs, bathroom facilities, tabletops, and kitchen facilities) will be sterilized once per day, or more often.
- Cleaning supplies will be left in bathrooms and communal areas, so that campers can sanitize the room before they leave.

4.0 VENTILATION

4.1 Outdoor Protocol

- Most activities at camp take place outdoors — including rehearsals, classes, meals, snacks, and other activities.
- While outdoors, campers don't need to wear masks or physically distance.
 - Campers may be physically distanced for intensively respiratory activities (e.g., exercising, singing), at the discretion of the staff.

4.2 Indoor Protocol

- All indoor spaces should be ventilated whenever there are staff or students inside — either by MERV 13 filters (equivalent of HEPA), opening a window/door, or by using one of our portable [filter fan systems](#).

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5.0 VACCINATION

- Full immunization against COVID-19 is required for all staff and students.
 - Exceptions are made for individuals who have official exemption letters from physicians.
- Boosters are not required for students, but they are strongly recommended. Boosters are required for all staff.
- Immunization status does not have an impact on other areas of the CDP.
 - Individuals who fall into the medical exemption may be subject to different policies at the discretion of the staff. For instance, if a COVID case is confirmed inside their lodge, the unvaccinated camper might be quarantined even before a confirmed positive case for the safety of others at camp.

6.0 FACE MASKS

- Generally, face masks are not required to be worn while at camp.
- Campers and staff are still asked to pack face masks for use under exceptional circumstances (i.e., if COVID starts to circulate at camp).
 - Bandanas, neck gaiters, and scarves are not appropriate face masks, and may not be used at camp. Face masks used by campers and staff members must have at least two layers of non-permeable fabric (e.g., cotton or linen) and must fit securely and snugly over the mouth and nose. Any kind of medical mask (surgical, N95, etc.) is also appropriate.
- Campers and staff are allowed to mask to their personal comfort level at any time (with the possible exception of rehearsal and performance).

7.0 INTERVENTION

7.1 Stage 1

- Normal camp operation, as described in the rest of this document. No one has any symptoms of COVID.
- If any staff or students develop symptoms of COVID, camp will immediately proceed to Stage 2.

7.2 Stage 2

- If anyone at camp shows symptoms for COVID (including fever, coughing, significant fatigue, shortness of breath, and/or loss of taste/smell), the following measures will immediately be put into place:

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- Staff and students may be asked to mask while indoors at the discretion of the office.
- Antigen testing on staff and students who are close contacts may be performed at the discretion of the office.
- High-contact areas for the symptomatic individual (including their lodgings, all bathrooms on campus, and the dining hall) will be thoroughly sanitized.
- The symptomatic camper or staff member will be antigen tested for COVID as soon as possible.
- If the result is negative, camp will return to the pre-intervention stage.
- If the result is positive, camp will immediately proceed to Stage 3.

7.3 Stage 3

- If anyone at camp tests positive for COVID (campers or staff members), the following measures will immediately be put into place:
 - Everyone on property must wear masks at all times while indoors (except when eating or sleeping).
 - Everyone on property will be antigen tested.
 - All indoor areas on campus will be thoroughly sanitized multiple times per day.
- Staff members who test positive for COVID must leave campus and return home immediately. They will follow current CDC guidance and return to work once they are no longer contagious, and have recovered enough to resume their duty.
- Campers who test positive for COVID must be picked up within 8 hours of parents/guardians being notified. Until they are able to be picked up, they will be isolated on campus, with medical and emotional support provided by the Artistic Director and the Camp Director.
 - Please test your camper as soon as possible with a PCR antibody test. If the results are negative, your camper may return to camp. Camp will restore to Stage 1.
 - If the result is positive, then your camper will not be able to return to camp this session.
- These measures will stay in place until two weeks have passed with no symptoms among any campers or staff members.