



COVID-19 FAQs for Outdoor Classroom Schools and Families

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How should we prepare for our Chewonki experience?

We encourage all our families to adhere to best practices for at least 10 days prior to arrival at Chewonki. Best practices include:

- Follow guidelines set by your school.
- Consider masking anytime you enter public indoor spaces in which social distancing isn't possible.
- Frequent hand hygiene.
- Keep activities outdoors whenever possible. Use ventilation strategies when indoors.
- Contact your school nurse if you are unable to follow any of these best practices.

Will we be required to mask or physically distance?

When outside with their camping group students and adults will not need to mask or distance. Masking is optional in indoor spaces.

What if a student gets sick at Chewonki?

Our educators are trained to track any developing symptoms. If Covid-like symptoms develop, the Chewonki Health and Wellness center is on call 24/7 and are trained to administer rapid antigen tests. The Chewonki Health and Wellness Center has a CLIA waiver through the state of Maine allowing us to test symptomatic participants for COVID-19.

What happens in the case of a positive or suspected case?

If symptoms develop, a rapid antigen test will be administered by our nursing staff. If the test is positive, they will go to Chewonki's COVID-19 isolation center and be cared for until the school/family can arrange for transportation home. Regardless of the result of a rapid antigen test, if a student becomes ill and is no longer able to participate in the program, parents/guardians will be informed and asked to pick up their child.

What if I tested positive for COVID-19 recently?

Students and adults who tested positive for COVID-19 and are on days 1-5 are not able to attend. Students and adults who are on days 6-10 are able to attend and will be required to sleep in their own tent, wear a mask around others, and eat at least 6 feet from the group.

What if I am a close contact of someone who tested positive for COVID-19?

Students and adults who are close contacts will sleep in their own tent or with other close contacts from the same exposure, wear a mask around others, and eat at least 6 feet from the group.

*A person is considered fully vaccinated once they have completed a COVID-19 vaccination series and are 14 days beyond the completion of the series as well as any booster for which they are eligible.