



Rhode Island Department of Human Services

COVID-19 Child Illness Policy

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The following illness policy has been developed for summer camp programs per the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines¹ in response to the COVID-19 pandemic per the requirements in [216-RICR-50-15-7](#), §7.4(A)(1)(e). Any positive case of COVID-19 must be reported to the RI Department of Health via phone call **and** RI Department of Human Services via documentation within 24 hours of notification.

COVID-19 Illness Policy

Any person(s) exhibiting any sign(s) and/or symptom(s) of COVID-19, as set forth in CDC guidance², when they develop over a period of hours to days and cannot be explained by allergies or other noninfectious disease should not attend or gain access to a summer camp program, per §7.4(A)(2)(b)³.

Child, Staff, and Visitor Illness Detected at Arrival

The program will conduct screening at the time of arrival which may include temperature checks. Should a child, staff, and/or visitor be observed at the time of drop off to have any sign(s) and/or symptom(s) of COVID-19, as set forth in CDC guidance⁴, they will not be admitted to the program.

Child, Staff, and Visitor Illness Detected at While at Camp

Should a child, staff, and/or visitor be observed at any time of the day to have developed any sign(s) and/or symptom(s) of COVID-19, as set forth in CDC guidance⁵, they will be (1) isolated in the isolation room/area and (2) sent home OR (3) to seek medical attention.

(1) The isolation room will be an area separated from the rest of the children, staff, and visitors. Any individual over the age of two who is required to isolate and who has no risk of harm per CDC guidelines⁶, should wear a cloth face mask for the duration of their stay. Though in isolation, at no time will a child, staff member, or visitor be left alone/out of site due to the respiratory risk associated with this virus.

(2) Parents/caregivers must be available to pick up an ill child promptly upon notice.

(3) Should a child, staff, and/or visitor be observed to require medical attention per CDC guidelines, 911 will be called as well as the parent/caregiver/emergency contact. Emergency medical attention will be triggered upon any of the following emergency warning signs:

- Trouble breathing
- Persistent pain or pressure in the chest
- New confusion
- Inability to wake or stay awake
- Bluish lips or face

Returning to Camp

Any employees or children sent home may not return to the summer camp until he or she (or his or her parent) provides competent evidence to the camp demonstrating that:

- After being sent home he or she was tested negative for COVID-19; or
- After being sent home he or she was tested positive for COVID-19 but he or she has since met RIDOH guidelines for ending isolation; or
- They can provide a doctor's note stating he or she is not contagious.

¹ CDC. (2020, May 8). *What to do if you are sick*. Retrieved from <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/if-you-are-sick/steps-when-sick.html>

² CDC. (2020, May 13). *Symptoms of COVID-19*. Retrieved from <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html>

³ 216-RICR-50-15-7. (2020, May). Retrieved from https://www.reopeningri.com/resource_pdfs/General-department-of-health-regulations-draft-submitted-05.07.20.pdf

⁴ CDC. (2020, May 13). *Symptoms of COVID-19*. Retrieved from <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html>

⁵ CDC. (2020, May 13). *Symptoms of COVID-19*. Retrieved from <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html>

⁶ CDC. (2020, May 22). *How to wear cloth face coverings*. Retrieved from <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/how-to-wear-cloth-face-coverings.html>