



VTC SUMMERSTOCK COVID-19 RESPONSE PLAN

Hello VTC campers!

VTC Summerstock's plan to open is rooted in our belief that we can create a safe and sheltered environment for our staff and campers. We love our camp, our campers, and believe children need camp right now. Our top priority this summer is to implement effective procedures to ensure the safety of every single one of our campers and staff.

We want to make sure that you and your family have access to our plan in order to make an informed decision that works best for you. We understand that the choice to come to camp is completely unique and personal to each of our families. As always, we appreciate your patience and support as we continue to update this set of best practices.

This plan was prepared using guidance from the New Jersey Department of Health (NJDOH) along with recommendations of the American Camp Association (ACA), and Centers for Disease Control (CDC). **Please note this plan is subject to change as state guidance is modified and will be finalized prior to the start of camp.**

STAFF

All staff are fully vaccinated and have received detailed training during Staff training on all of the proper Covid protocols, hygiene, and action plans. This is to ensure that they are able to practice and enforce specific guidelines recommended by the NJDOH, CDC, and ACA.

Masks

VTC requires campers that are not fully vaccinated to wear a mask indoors at all times. In general, unvaccinated campers do not need to wear masks when outdoors. However, they are encouraged to wear masks during outdoor activities that involve sustained close contact with other campers.

HOUSEKEEPING

Sanitation Procedures Across Camp

We will be taking extra care to make sure that all of our facilities and shared items and living spaces across camp are cleaned and sanitized daily. We have a surplus of cleaning supplies, including electrostatic sprayers that can efficiently sanitize large surface areas in a matter of minutes. Hand soap and sanitizer dispensers will be readily available at all times.

Visitors

Vaccinated family and friends will be invited to the final performances of their campers shows on pick up day (August 15th).

HEALTH/MEDICAL PROTOCOLS

BEFORE CAMP

Testing

CDC recommends everyone 12 years and older should get a Covid-19 vaccine to help protect against Covid-19. People are considered fully vaccinated 2 weeks after the last dose. Eligible individuals that opt to be vaccinated should get and receive their last dose at least 2 weeks before camp start date.

NJDOH guidelines require campers to take a standard PCR test and receive a negative test result within 72 hours (3 days) prior to the arrival at the campsite. VTC requires documentation of the negative results to be eligible to attend Summerstock. All campers will be tested on the first day of camp (July 25th), and again five days after (July 30th).

Turnaround time for results can vary from 2 - 7 days depending on where you receive the test. Some suggestions are your pediatrician, drugstores (CVS, Walgreens, Rite Aid), or walk-in clinics (CityMD, Urgent Care). You can also use the [NJ Covid-19 Information Hub](#). They have a test site finder tool to find a free test in your area.

Any person with pre-existing conditions should consult with their physicians before attending camp.

ARRIVING AND DEPARTING CAMP

Arrival

VTC asks all parents and campers to wear masks on opening day. Summerstock Staff will be on hand to help direct you to the designated camper drop-off site. Parents are not permitted beyond the drop off site this year. Upon arrival, campers will receive a temperature check and verbal health screening, then our staff will direct them to their bunks.

Departure

VTC asks all unvaccinated parents and campers to wear masks on Departure Day All Shows will have a final performance on departure day for vaccinated families.

If families will be in attendance for the final performance, we ask that you pick up your campers belongings PRIOR to their last show so that they can say their goodbyes to one another without the stress of packing at the designated pick-up site, which is the same as the designated drop-off site.

DURING CAMP

Household Cohorts

Household cohorts are small groups of campers and staff who stay together in a bunk. VTC is assigning household cohorts based on age and gender. Beds will be aligned so that campers sleep head-to-toe.

Fully vaccinated campers do not need to wear masks or physically distance themselves when they are together. Unvaccinated campers will be required to wear masks indoors when in close proximity except when eating and drinking or sleeping, and outdoors when in sustained close proximity to other campers except when swimming or boating. Campers and staff in their respective cohorts will still be able to interact with others in a different cohort.

- Campers and staff will not be permitted to share items like towels, toothpaste, or personal care items and will each have a designated storage space.
- VTC recommends labeled large or jumbo sized ziploc bags for personal items. It is extremely important to label all of your camper's belongings.
- If the weather permits, windows will always be opened to increase ventilation of fresh air.
- All bunk members should wash their hands with provided hand sanitizer or soap when they enter the cabin.

If someone has Covid-like symptoms at camp

If a camper or staff member (patient) presents any symptoms that could indicate a Covid infection, they will be properly isolated away from the group until their Covid-19 status can be determined. Our health center staff is trained to identify all known Covid symptoms.

- A patient will be allowed to return to the camp population after a negative Covid rapid test.
- If a positive case is suspected, all bunk members will be tested.

If someone tests positive for Covid at camp

- VTC will have a dedicated space that will act as a satellite health center in the event that there is a suspected or confirmed Covid case on camp.
- If a case is confirmed, health center staff will be in contact with the camper's family with detailed information regarding pick up.

If a positive case is confirmed, VTC Summerstock will notify state and local health officials as well as staff and families while maintaining confidentiality as mandated by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

