



Our health policies and procedures for Vanguard Theater Company (VTC) Summerstock Sleepaway Camp are intended to sustain the appropriate behavior required to achieve excellence in the Performing Arts while observing maximum safety for your campers, their peers, and our staff.

COVID-19 Response Plan

Our COVID Response Plan is designed to create a safe and sheltered environment for our staff and campers. We love our campers, and believe children need camp now more than ever before. Our top priority this summer is to ensure the safety of every single one of our campers and staff. Your campers will be supervised by staff and monitored to maintain COVID safety procedures. Communication from camp staff to parents and guardians will be available and maintained.

This plan was prepared using guidance from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), New Jersey Department of Health (NJDOH) along with recommendations from the American Camp Association (ACA). These recommendations are constantly evolving, so please note this plan is subject to change as guidance is modified and finalized prior to the start of camp.

KEY POINTS

- We require all staff to be fully vaccinated & boosted
- We encourage all campers to be fully vaccinated 2 weeks prior to the opening day of camp
- We require all staff and campers to provide a documented negative PCR test result within 48 hours prior to arrival.
- Upon arrival at the campsite, campers will receive a verbal health screening by VTC staff, then meet their friends and counselors and be assigned bunks. A standard Covid-19 PCR test will be administered to all campers and staff 72 hours after arrival (July 24th).
- Once all staff and campers have tested negative after the second test administered at camp, and a cohort bubble is established, campers have the option to unmask for the remainder of camp.

COVID-19 Policies & Procedures

The CDC recommends everyone 5 years and older get the Covid-19 vaccine to help protect against the virus. The CDC defines fully vaccinated as a person who has received their primary series of COVID vaccines and recommends that everyone 12 and up should receive a booster shot after their primary vaccination series.

The NJ State Health Department encourages youth camp communities to remain vigilant as the virus remains among us, and to take steps to minimize its impact among camp communities.

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

If someone has Covid-like symptoms at camp:

- If a camper or staff member presents any symptoms that might indicate a Covid infection, they will be properly isolated away from the group until their status can be determined.
- Campers will be allowed to return to the camp population after two (2) negative rapid-result tests, 12 hours apart.

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, and all campers and staff will be tested and monitored.

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).

