

*As a mom and a camp professional, I am grateful for our camp families who trust us with the health and safety of their campers every summer. Thank you in advance for your patience as we implement the research, local and national guidance on preventing the spread of COVID in camps. My thought is: **"I will do whatever I need to do to get back to operating camp!"** –eli*

Each Friday beginning May 14, I will send an email to our 2021 summer camp families with any updated news about COVID procedures at camp. Stay up to date by watching your email and reviewing our COVID page:

<https://myycamp.org/parents/covid2021/>

Friday, May 14, 2021

This week I spent a lot of time on the phone with the head of epidemiology from the Northern KY Health Department. We walked through Kentucky's permitting for youth camps, with regard to COVID precautions, and discussed specifics of how we are planning to implement the measures here.

One thing we discussed is the need for all **UNVACCINATED OVERNIGHT CAMPERS** to arrive at Sunday check-in with proof of a recent (past 1-3 days) negative (viral) COVID test. We will keep reminding you of this new and unusual request so you can plan accordingly!

Many of you have called and emailed about the recent news regarding masks and vaccinations and outdoor activities, etc. At this time, everyone wears masks indoors (except while eating). Campers in **OVERNIGHT CAMP** will be wearing masks when outdoors only when they cannot maintain distance from someone outside of their cohort (assigned cabin group). This means they can be unmasked when they are just with their own cohort.

Campers in **DAY CAMP** are still wearing masks when not able to maintain distance from each other, with exception to water activities. We will take distanced mask breaks, of course!

I really appreciate the great support of all of our camp families as our team works diligently to open camp with all the correct permissions and guidance in place. I will be back in touch next Friday!

Ernstlove,

Eli

P.S.

My daughter Kara (age 14) got her first vaccine dose yesterday! Second is scheduled for June 3 and then she will be considered "fully-vaccinated" June 17. We encourage vaccines for all camp people ages 12 and up!