

Nature Museum Camp and COVID-19

Nature Museum Camp COVID-19 Vaccination Policy

Nature Museum Camps has a vaccination policy for all staff and campers. The policy requires all staff and campers to be vaccinated. Proof of vaccination must be added to the camper's profile prior to the start of camp. Exemptions from the policy exist for serious medical reasons or sincerely held religious beliefs. Campers with a medical need for exemption or sincerely held religious belief exemption will be handled on a case-by-case basis. Individuals would need to provide a letter from their medical provider or religious leader documenting the exemption. Email the camp directors at camps@naturemuseum.org if you have any questions.

At Nature Museum Camp, our priority continues to be providing a safe space for our campers, staff, volunteers and guests.

The Nature Museum will follow the CDC guidelines if a camper becomes ill while at camp, has known contact with a person who has been diagnosed with COVID-19, or tests positive for COVID-19. To keep our camp community safe, our camp families and campers should also follow the guidance from the City of Chicago and the CDC, especially regarding travel. The Nature Museum asks families to do a self prescreen each morning before coming to camp.

During your camp session, contact us as soon as possible if your camper tests positive for COVID-19 or you learn they were exposed to someone that tests positive for COVID -19. In the event that the Nature Museum becomes aware of COVID -19 exposure at Nature Museum Camp, families with a camper in the impacted group will be notified.

If a camper feels unwell or has symptoms of infectious illness while at camp, they will be taken to an isolation area to rest under the supervision of a staff member. Parents/guardians will be called to pick up their camper and advised to consult their doctor and current guidelines regarding COVID-19 testing.

If a camper feels unwell or has symptoms of infectious illness during camp their time at camp, the camper can return to camp when their symptoms improve and they have been fever-free for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medication. Additionally, proof of a negative COVID-19 test or a doctor's note clearing the camper for return to camp may be required.

Other COVID Precautions

- Nature Museum Camp is mask optional. If you would like your camper to be masked, please email the Directors (camps@naturemuseum.org) so we can help provide reminders throughout the day.
- At times, we may require additional health and safety measures beyond what is required by public health officials. Campers may be required to wear a face covering regardless of vaccination status in some situations.
- All staff will complete a daily Health Screener, camp families will be asked to self-screen daily.

Please note: These other COVID policies and procedures are subject to change, based on changes in the COVID landscape and/or local, or state health recommendations and regulations.