

Guidelines for Vaccinated & Unvaccinated Staff

Ridgecrest Summer Camps

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Arriving to Camp:

- No negative PCR COVID-19 test will be required
- We ask that you follow up-to-date CDC guidelines on interacting with the community within 5 days of your arrival.
- **PLEASE NOTE:** To be considered "vaccinated", you must provide documentation as proof. Your vaccine card will suffice for this documentation.
- Beginning 8 days prior to arrival, we ask that you limit your exposure to people outside your home. We ask that you not attend large gatherings, especially indoors.
- After 5 days of limiting exposure (3 days before you arrive at camp), you must receive a PCR COVID-19 test, giving you time to receive your results before arriving at Camp.
- Upon arriving at camp, you must provide physical proof of a negative test result. This CANNOT be a text message. It must be an email or documentation you can print off.

What does my time off look like?

- On your time off, which includes time during Staff Week, your day off each session, and the session breaks between groups of campers, we ask that you follow CDC and local guidelines which, now for example, include wearing a mask in public buildings. You will be free to hang out with, eat with, and share a car with other vaccinated staff and enter local restaurants and businesses. You will be allowed to go home, hang out with vaccinated staff from both Camp Ridgecrest and Camp Crestridge, and interact with the general public, as long as you follow CDC and local guidelines. Current CDC guidelines also stipulate that you may only be maskless around one (1) unvaccinated household at a time.
- On your time off, which includes time during Staff Week, your day off each session, and the session breaks between groups of campers, you will only be permitted to spend that time at a camp-designated location, likely at Camp or the Ridgecrest Conference Center, or at a public outdoor location, where Camp mask and distancing guidelines must be followed. You will not have the ability to hang out with, eat with, or share a car with other staff, except at these designated locations. You will be free to go through a drive-thru or go on a hike or to a public park, but won't be permitted to be indoors in public, at a location like a restaurant or Target. You will not be permitted to go home, or interact with people in the community.

What happens if I'm exposed?

- If a camper in your cabin, or member of your living quarters, tests positive for COVID, you will not be required to quarantine or be away from Camp. You will be required to monitor symptoms for 14 days.
- If a camper in your cabin, or member of your living quarters, tests positive for COVID, you will be unable to perform your duties and must remain in quarantine (likely isolated at the Ridgecrest Conference Center) for a period of at least five (5) days, until you can take a PCR COVID-19 test. You will be allowed to return to Camp and your duties only after that test comes back as negative.

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What if I'm in a wedding?

- In keeping with the guidelines we have used for years, the only staff who are allowed to attend weddings are those who are either (i) in the wedding party (groomsman, bridesmaid, etc.) OR (ii) of immediate family members (brother, sister, parent). If you have a wedding that falls into one of these categories, you must communicate that with us now. If you're vaccinated, you may participate in the wedding, but you'll need to speak with a camp director about the details of the timeline for when you'll be leaving and returning to Camp.
- A COVID-19 vaccine is required for anyone planning to attend a wedding. Without the vaccine, an absence will not be considered. If you are hoping to participate in a wedding, please note that we only allow absence from camp for weddings in which (i) you are a part of the ceremony (groomsman, bridesmaid, etc.) OR (ii) the wedding is for a member of your immediate family (brother, sister, parent).

What if my high school graduation interferes with the summer?

- Whether your graduation is within the 7 days prior to arrival, or an event that you'll have to leave camp for, if you're vaccinated, we will not ask that you do anything in addition to following CDC and local guidelines for the event. We will ask that you return to camp as quickly as possible after the event, and a director will follow up with you to nail down the details of the timeline for when you'll be leaving and returning to camp.
- For graduations prior to arrival: If your graduation ceremony is within the 7 days prior to arriving at camp, you will be required to be isolated upon arrival. For the first 5 days after the event, you will be required to sleep in a separate cabin and eat meals at an isolated table in the dining hall, and may have extra layers of protection during that time. After 5 days, you'll receive a PCR COVID-19 test at your cost. Once that test result comes back negative, you'll be allowed to rejoin the rest of our staff during Staff Week.
- For graduations after arrival: If your graduation is after June 3, you will be required to stay home and limit exposure from others for 5 days after the graduation ceremony. You will not be paid during your time away from camp. After those 5 days, you'll return to camp and receive a PCR COVID-19 test at your cost. Once that test result comes back negative, you'll be allowed to continue your duties and rejoin your cabin.

What if I have college orientation?

Regardless of whether you're vaccinated or unvaccinated, we will not permit summer staff to leave camp for college orientation. We ask that you do orientation online or before/after your contracted dates, such as in August. If you're doing orientation online and are required to do it during the summer, we will give you time to attend that (on camp property) during your employment. If your school does not have an online option AND only has dates during your employment this summer, please let us know so we can help you figure out an option that will best work for both you and Camp.

Please note: All of this information is subject to change, as we learn more from CDC, state and local guidelines. If you have any questions, please reach out and let us know!

Vaccination Resources

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Read more about Vaccine FAQs and Myths vs. Truth

[Johns Hopkins: COVID Vaccine Myth vs. Fact](#)
[CDC: Myths and Facts about the COVID Vaccine](#)
[Harvard Health: COVID Vaccine Information](#)

Understanding the 3 Different Vaccines

Pfizer

The Pfizer vaccine is a 2-dose vaccine, where the 2nd dose is given 3-4 weeks after the 1st. In order to be considered "fully vaccinated" by May 24, you would need to receive your first vaccine by April 12.

Moderna

Like Pfizer, the Moderna vaccine is a 2-dose vaccine, where the 2nd dose is given 3-4 weeks after the 1st. In order to be considered "fully vaccinated" by May 24, you would need to receive your first vaccine by April 12.

Johnson & Johnson

The J&J vaccine is a 1-dose vaccine. In order to be considered "fully vaccinated" by May 24, you would need to receive your first vaccine by May 10.

****Please note:** It is highly unlikely that you'll have the ability to choose which vaccine you receive. For this reason, we encourage you to get whichever vaccine you can get as quickly as you can. If you choose to wait, in hopes of getting the J&J vaccine and then are unable, you may not be able to be fully vaccinated before arrival.

Where/When Can I Get the Vaccine?

According to the CDC, all camp summer staff are considered "Essential Workers". While each state will move at its own pace, you should be eligible whenever your state enters the "Essential Worker" phase. You shouldn't need proof of employment, but if you do, we can provide you with a personalized letter.

As for WHERE to receive the vaccine, each state and area is different. So far, we've had staff in AL, CA, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, TN, TX, VA, WA have success getting the vaccine through different providers, such as CVS, Walgreens, Publix, and WalMart. Many colleges also offer access to the vaccine. Others have had success calling the local Health Dept. or their personal physician. The best practice is to just start making calls and being persistent. If you'd like more information about where staff have received vaccines in your state, we're happy to point you in the right direction!

[Click on a link below to check availability and schedule a vaccination appointment:](#)

