

**YMCA of Orange County – Camp E.L.K.  
COVID-19 Related Operating Procedures  
Summer 2022**

**General**

- **The YMCA of Orange County – Camp E.L.K. will operate following best practices as described in the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), California Department of Public Health (CDPH), Los Angeles Department of Public Health (LACDPH) and the American Camp Association (ACA) guidance for overnight resident camps and will continue to update these operating procedures based on the latest guidance as it is released.**
- Youth campers will be arranged into cohorts (cabin group) which will stay together for all activities for the week.
- Masks will be required when cohorts share indoor common spaces with other cohorts, activity staff and anyone from outside of their cohort and 6 foot spacing cannot be maintained.
- Sharing of any items or space will be limited as much as possible.

**Pre-Camp Health Checks**

- **On the day of departure, each camper and staff must provide a negative COVID-19 PCR test dated within 72 hours or antigen test (AKA rapid test) dated within 24 hours of camp departure.**
- Any camper or staff who has tested positive for COVID-19 within 90 days prior to camp departure may provide a doctor's clearance stating that their contagion/quarantine period has ended instead of a negative test if they choose.
- Any camper or staff who cannot provide one of these options will not be allowed to attend camp. At this time, those who have been vaccinated are NOT excluded from the testing requirement.
- To find testing locations near you, visit <https://testing.covid19.ca.gov/>.
- On departure day, campers will be subject to a health screening including a no-touch temperature check, questions regarding COVID and other illness related symptoms, exposure to known cases of COVID-19, and a lice check.

**Cabins**

- There will be no more than 12 campers and 2 counselors per cabin.
- All guests will use assigned bathrooms.

**Dining**

- Camp will make use of all available open-air dining areas wherever possible.
- Meals will be provided with a modified cafeteria style serving process.
- Masks will be required during meal service until guests are seated.

**Program Activities**

- Normal program activities will operate following ACA standards.
- Masks may be required when interacting with activity staff.
- Equipment will be disinfected between uses.

**Transportation/Bussing**

- Buses will be filled to normal capacity with masks required for all on board per CDC.

**Cleaning**

- All common areas will be cleaned at least once a day per CDC protocols. All guests will use assigned bathrooms.
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- All commonly touched surfaces will be wiped down 3 times a day.

**Gatherings**

- Camp ELK will follow the most current Los Angeles County and state regulations regarding indoor and outdoor gatherings. Requiring a negative COVID-19 test allows our group to take advantage of the allowances made for such groups.