

## COVID – What you Need to Know before Applying for Camp

**CDC – Current recommendations, restrictions and masking guidelines** (vaccinated vs. not vaccinated)

<https://covid19.mt.gov/>

**CDC – Travel info link**

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/travel-during-covid19.html>

**CDC – Gatherings and Events**

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/large-events/considerations-for-events-gatherings.html>

**Camp Mak-A-Dream advises and requests that anyone who has tested positive for, come into close contact with someone who is positive or is exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19 STAY HOME and NOT attend Camp.**

We are beyond thrilled to be offering our scheduled adult retreats IN PERSON this fall! But in order to do so and *for the overall health and well-being of the entire Camp community, we NEED YOUR HELP, understanding and cooperation!*

CAPACITY & CABIN ASSIGNMENTS – For logistical and recommended best practices surrounding the COVID-19 virus, we will be limiting the number of participants, staff and volunteers allowed to be on campus for these retreats. Those interested in attending the in-person programs at Camp are welcome to apply, however, we may also need to make some difficult decisions based on our limited capacity. Those who have attended Camp multiple times in the past may be placed on a waiting list, so we can also allow availability for NEW applicants.

The application, selection and confirmation process will look slightly different than usual.

VACCINES – We strongly recommend that all participants wishing to attend Camp be fully vaccinated (with all recommended vaccines, including COVID-19). There may also be differences in protocol, while traveling to/from and while at Camp, for individuals who are vaccinated and for those who are not vaccinated. Camp Mak-A-Dream reserves the right to ask anyone not abiding by Camp protocols, procedures or mitigation strategies to leave campus and be removed from remaining retreat activities. Any costs associated with such actions will also be the sole responsibility of the individual violating Camp policy.

DISTANCING, MASKING & MITIGATION strategies - Camp requires that all unvaccinated participants wear masks when indoors, when gathering with groups of people outside of cohort groups and whenever distancing is not possible.

Enhanced cleaning practices will be in place.

Camp encourages frequent hand-washing (minimum of 20 seconds or more) for everyone on campus.

HOUSING & COHORT 'CABIN/POD' GROUPS –

Participants will each be assigned to a cabin on campus where they will be required to sleep throughout the retreat. Cabin groups (also known as Cohorts or Pods) may also be used for seating at meals, travel-transportation and attending various activities. While we appreciate that you may have 'friends' that you would like to stay with, however, we are not able to accept roommate requests this year due to the logistics of COVID-19 operating protocols. Participants will have the opportunity to interact with others, outside of your cabin/cohort group, throughout the retreat as well, but we ask that everyone respect and abide by these guidelines throughout their stay at Camp Mak-A-Dream for the overall health and well-being of the Camp community.

Unvaccinated participants will be required to wear a mask when indoors and interacting with individuals or groups outside of their cabin/cohort group, other than while eating/drinking at meals or while outdoors and distanced.

MEALS & SNACKS— seating will be in ‘pods’ or by cabin while dining. Meals will either be pre-plated by our kitchen staff or put out buffet style with all items being served by kitchen staff. Tables will be marked by cabin and we ask that you please sit within your cabin table(s) for all meals.

ACTIVITIES – for some activities we may need to do rotations of smaller groups, others you may need to reserve a time to attend, or capacity may be limited during a given time period.

INDOOR vs OUTDOOR – physical distancing will be enforced whenever possible and you may be asked to sit with your cohort group, especially for indoor activities. Exceptions to this may be made while outdoors and when physical distancing is possible.

TRAVEL/TRANSPORTATION – masking mandates on US airlines are set to be removed mid-September 2021. Regardless of this change, Camp requires that all unvaccinated participants wear masks during travel between the airport and the Camp facility.

**We appreciate your understanding and abiding by these protocol guidelines while traveling to/from and at Camp.**

Anyone wishing to APPLY to attend Camp this fall will be required to sign a HOLD HARMLESS WAIVER as part of the online application process within the CampDoc system. **These are important items that we ask you to seriously consider and accept before applying.** We will only be able to hold in-person programs if we have buy-in and cooperation by everyone in attendance.

**Anyone who does attend Camp and is either showing symptoms or is known to have been in closed contact with someone with COVID-19 may be required to isolate (on or off campus), be tested, and may be asked not to return to campus, requiring a hotel stay and/or travel changes to get home. Any and all costs associated with such things will be the sole responsibility of the participant(s).**