

## COVID – What you Need to Know before Applying for Camp in 2022

The health and safety of the community, our campers, volunteers and staff, is our priority. We will continue to evaluate programming options, mitigation strategies and any necessary modifications that may need to be put in place to hold an in-person Camp season in 2022.

**With COVID cases continuing and other potential variant strains ahead around the country, we want to give an overview of what you should know BEFORE YOU APPLY to join us for in-person programs in 2022. We will continue to update this information if/as needed.**

**Camp will continue to follow CDC recommendations, as well as local and regional health department regulations, industry best practices and internal mitigation strategies, policies and procedures.**

### Links to current COVID-19 recommendations:

CDC – Current recommendations and guidelines:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

Current COVID-19 resources and links in Montana:

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

### Camp Operations Overview

Details surrounding protocols, mitigation strategies and specifics of operations may continue to evolve as the season approaches and once we are actually into running in-person programs, but the following are some of the basics that – at a minimum – will be in place during Camp sessions.

***For the overall health and well-being of the entire Camp community, we NEED YOUR HELP, understanding and cooperation!***

VACCINES – We strongly recommend that all participants wishing to attend Camp be fully vaccinated (with all recommended vaccines, including COVID-19).

CAPACITY– For logistical and recommended best practices surrounding the COVID-19 virus, we may be limiting the number of participants, staff and volunteers allowed to be on campus per session. 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 may also look slightly different than usual.

### HOUSING & COHORT GROUPS –

Participants will each be assigned to a cabin on campus where they will be required to sleep throughout the session. Cabin groups (also known as Cohorts or Pods) may also be used for seating at meals, travel-transportation and attending various activities.

Participants will have the opportunity to interact with others, outside of specific cohort groups, throughout the session 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.

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.

TESTING & SCREENING- Testing may be required prior to and/or upon arrival at Camp, as well as during any or all sessions. Daily symptom screenings and temperature checks may also be part of daily Camp operations.

DISTANCING, MASKING & MITIGATION STRATEGIES - Camp may require those on campus to wear masks while at Camp, especially indoors and when interacting with groups or individuals outside of cohort groups and whenever distancing is not possible.

Enhanced cleaning practices will continue to be in place.

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

MEALS & SNACKS – location of and seating at meals may be assigned and limited to staying within cohort groups. Availability and location of snacks may also be limited or upon request/as needed, rather than located within cabin common areas.

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 – anyone traveling to/from Camp is expected to abide by any and all federal and local transportation authority rules and recommendations. Following masking, distancing, capacity and other mitigation strategies put in place by Camp while in a Camp vehicle will also be mandatory.

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 camp activities. Any costs associated with such actions will also be the sole responsibility of the individual violating Camp policy.

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

Anyone wishing to APPLY as a participant to attend Camp will be required to sign a HOLD HARMLESS WAIVER as part of the online application process within the CampDoc system. Staff, volunteers and visitors will also be required to sign a waiver as part of the application process.

**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.