



## COVID-19 Protocols

Friends of Santa Claus and Camp MerryTimes works with a vulnerable population of children. Given this, we must take all precautions necessary to hold a safe camp for everyone. This means we will implement the following protocols.

**Vaccinations:** Friends of Santa Claus and Camp MerryTimes strongly encourages all campers and volunteers to be vaccinated against COVID-19. However, vaccines are not required for participation.

**Symptom Screening and Testing:** Please do not come to camp if you are experiencing symptoms of any illness, including fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, significant congestion, or the like.

Friends of Santa Claus and Camp MerryTimes reserves the right to require a negative rapid antigen test upon arrival if symptoms are present or to require a test during camp if symptoms appear.

Additionally, if COVID-19 conditions change, Friends of Santa Claus and Camp MerryTimes reserves the right to require all campers and volunteers to take a rapid antigen test upon arrival that must be negative in order to participate.

**Masks:** As of February, Camp MerryTimes does not intend to require masks. However, we will follow CDC recommendations for masking, so this may change. If it does, we will notify campers, volunteers, counselors, and staff of masking requirements prior to arrival at camp.

**Additional Requirements:** All campers, counselors, volunteers, and staff are asked to refrain from medium to high-risk activities leading up to camp, such as large gatherings and international travel within 21 days of camp.

All campers, counselors, volunteers, and staff are asked to notify Friends of Santa Claus if they test positive within 5 days of departure from camp. Friends of Santa Claus will then provide the necessary notification to cabin members.

Prior to camp, if a camper, counselor, volunteer, or staff person is symptomatic (including, but not limited to, fevers, loss of taste and smell, flu-like symptoms), has COVID-19, or has been a close contact/exposed to a COVID-19 positive person within 10 days leading up to camp, they should not attend camp.

Additionally, campers and counselors will only be allowed inside their assigned cabins. Under no circumstances should someone not assigned to a specific cabin enter that cabin unless they are Camp MerryTimes or medical staff. (This means pranks are only allowed outside!)