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Dear Camp Quality Volunteers:

Thank you for your willingness to serve this summer. Our volunteers are crucial to the success and safety of our camp programs.

As we continue to track the evolving pandemic as related to our resident camp, COVID numbers are once again rising nationally. The Medical Committee and the Leadership Team are tracking trends on the CDC website. The new CDC Community Levels measure cases, admissions, and patient rates by county. With this change, the Medical Committee has amended the Camp Quality COVID guidelines.

With COVID case rates rising nationally and our commitment to provide the safest program for volunteers, individual campers, and the camp community at large, volunteers, staff members, oncology campers and siblings are required to be fully vaccinated for COVID-19.

NEW: CAMP QUALITY RECOMMENDATION: The protection COVID-19 vaccines provide decreases over time. Booster doses are STRONGLY RECOMMENDED, if eligible, two weeks prior to the start of camp. Please remember that Camp Quality serves those at higher risk for COVID-19 (i.e., immunocompromised children), and receiving a booster dose is a way to further protect our kids.

The definition of fully vaccinated is:

- **Pfizer/Moderna:** Two doses must have been received at least two weeks in advance of arrival. If second dose was more than five months, a booster is strongly recommended at least two weeks prior to arrival for those eligible to receive it.
- **Johnson & Johnson:** The one dose must have been received at least two weeks prior to camp arrival. If more than two months, a booster is strongly recommended at least two weeks prior to arrival for those eligible to receive it.

More on Vaccines:

- Volunteers are required to be vaccinated. Camp Quality strongly recommends boosters to those eligible for the best protection against the COVID and its variants.
- Sibling Campers ages 5-17 are considered fully vaccinated with 2 doses of Pfizer vaccine a minimum of 3 weeks apart. Again, a booster is strongly recommended, if eligible to receive it.
- Oncology Campers ages 5-17 are included in this requirement for the vaccine and are strongly recommended to have their booster. Exemptions will only be made with treating oncology physician recommendation.

- Per Camp Quality’s standing immunization and vaccine policy, only allergies to vaccine component or previous anaphylaxis reaction are considered valid exemptions for consideration and must be documented by their treating oncology physician.
 - Exemptions may be considered for those oncology campers unable to be vaccinated. In the rare event that an oncology camper’s treating oncology physician determines there would be no chance of an immune response due to current treatment, this may be considered a valid reason not to receive the COVID immunization and will be considered for exemption.
- **Other Immunizations:** Camp Quality USA will continue to require that all campers, volunteers, and staff members be up to date on all immunizations required for school entry.
- **Who is eligible for a COVID-19 booster vaccine?** Eligibility criteria may be reviewed here - www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/booster-shot.html . Most people should receive a booster 5 months after the completion of their primary series of Moderna or Pfizer and 2 months after the primary dose of Johnson & Johnson.



Below are some frequently asked questions that might be helpful as you plan for your camp experience:

Are there any changes for Companion volunteers this summer?

As a Camper Companion, you are considered a residential volunteer, where individuals will join a cabin (cohort) as part of a team to help care for and supervise campers. This summer, cabins will travel together in cabin cohorts, keeping the same campers, companions, and volunteers throughout the session.

What COVID-19 precautions will be required of staff, volunteers, and campers for Summer Camp?

- Before Arriving at Camp:
 - Proof of COVID-19 vaccination completion will be required for all campers, staff, and volunteers. Vaccine cards must be uploaded in CampDoc as a part of the volunteer application process.
 - We ask that all volunteers self-monitor for COVID-19 symptoms and practice low-risk behaviors in the weeks before camp: avoid large gatherings, maintain physical distance, wear a mask around others, etc. This includes avoiding international travel or participation in a cruise for a minimum of 14 days prior to summer camp.
- While at Camp:
 - Volunteers will be screened for COVID-19 related symptoms during the check-in process and routinely throughout the week. Cabins will move in cohort groups, keeping the same campers, companions, and volunteers throughout the week.
 - Everyone will be required to wear a face mask on-site during indoor areas except in their assigned cabin and observe physical distance when possible. Volunteers will be instructed and expected to comply with infection control precautions / COVID-19 protocols, including handwashing, coughing/sneezing techniques, and wearing a mask when indicated.

What are Camp Quality's mask requirements?

Camp Quality is committed to safety as a top priority. Everyone at camp will be required to wear a mask while indoors. Masks will be provided by Camp Quality. While cohort groups are at their cabin, masks are not required. In addition to wearing a mask, physical distancing will be observed whenever possible.

- Masks will be required by everyone while indoors. This does not include during eating and while in the cabin.
- When possible, campers, staff, and volunteers not in the same cabin group will physically distance from one another while indoors and outdoors.
- Large-group activities will take place in cabin groups. Cabin groups will stay together while participating in large-group activities.
- Masks will be provided daily by Camp Quality to campers, staff, and volunteers.
- Masks must always be worn over the nose and mouth.

What to expect at check-in for camp:

Check-in represents our second layer of protection against COVID-19 at camp and our first opportunity to screen volunteers and campers for signs or symptoms of illness. ***Please follow your camp's plan for staff and volunteer check-in.*** At camper check-in:

- Parents/guardians will be asked to stay in their cars and complete a health screening report for their camper that includes camper symptoms of illness, contact with others with symptoms of illness, and/or travel in the past fourteen (14) days.
- Campers' temperatures will be taken and recorded. Any camper with a temperature of 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit or higher will be asked to depart with their family.
- Campers will remain with their parent/guardian until all health screenings have been completed and are cleared to remain at camp.
- Everyone is required to wear a mask and maintain social distancing at check in. More detailed check in directions will be provided before your camper's session.

What will happen if a camper, staff, or volunteer shows symptoms consistent with COVID-19 while at Camp?

If anyone shows symptoms that may be consistent with COVID-19 while on-site, they will be isolated and evaluated. If warranted, a parent will be contacted and asked to pick up the camper from camp, to avoid any exposure to the camp community at large and a volunteer may be asked to leave camp. Volunteers and parents will be asked to complete a PCR test and report the results to the camp's Medical Coordinator. The volunteer and camper's cohort will be monitored for any emerging symptoms. A positive test result of that volunteer or camper will be communicated to parents of the volunteer or camper's cohort.

Will special guests and visitors be allowed on camp during session?

No. Due to our focus on safety, no guests or visitors will be allowed during summer camp. Our protocols include keeping campers in self-contained cohort groups, and therefore we will not incorporate special guests or visitors into this year's program schedule.

Can camp be cancelled due to high community COVID levels?

In response to new community-level data tracking by the CDC, cancellation of camp will be based on a level HIGH in the two weeks leading up to the camp start date in all Camp Quality locations. In the event camp would be cancelled, all volunteers and parents of registered campers will be contacted.



At Camp Quality, we are committed to the health and safety of all who enter our camps. Please know that policies and protocols are subject to change as guidelines evolve. We will do our best to communicate updates in a timely manner. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to your local camp's Executive Director.

Thank you again for volunteering with Camp Quality this summer. We guarantee that within these guidelines to ensure your everyone's safety, there is so much fun and community connection that you, our volunteers, will help to create for the very special campers we serve.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Laura M. Vaughn".

Laura Vaughn
CEO, Camp Quality USA