

# **Tools for Peace 2023 Summer Teen Camp COVID-19 Policies & Protocols**

Recognizing the ongoing transmission of COVID-19 in our communities, Tools for Peace (TFP) has consulted the [COVID-19 Guidance for Child Care Providers and Programs](#) provided by the California Department of Public Health on June 12, 2023 in preparation for our Annual Summer Teen Camp. The following policies and protocols are intended to prevent and mitigate the spread of COVID-19 at camp, with specific requirements for campers/students and TFP staff/employees.

## **MITIGATION STRATEGIES**

### **I. Encouraging Up-to-Date Vaccines**

COVID-19 vaccination is strongly encouraged for all staff and students participating in camp. Vaccinations prevent illness by working with the body's natural defenses to help safely develop immunity to disease. Vaccinations provide individuals protection and help reduce the burden of disease in communities.

COVID-19 vaccination is free for all and strongly recommended for all eligible people in California, including providers, teachers, staff, children, and individuals sharing homes with members of child care communities. [Get vaccinated against COVID-19](#) and [stay up-to-date](#) to get protection and help reduce transmission of the virus in your community.

### **II. Optimizing Air Quality**

Camp activities will be held outdoors whenever it is logistically feasible, as reasonably determined by camp staff. The risk of getting COVID-19 is greater in indoor settings with poor air quality. As such staff will implement the following measures when possible during indoor activities:

- Staff will improve indoor air quality by safely bringing in fresh air through open windows. Fans increase the effectiveness of open windows and should be pointed to blow air outwards.
- TFP will provide Portable Air Cleaners (“HEPA Air Filters”) in situations where fresh outdoor air cannot be accessed.
- Staff will optimize ventilation in transport vehicles, such as cars and vans. Open windows to increase airflow from outside when safe to do so.

### **III. Using Face Masks**

Campers and staff are encouraged to wear masks during indoor activities. Masks, particularly [masks](#) that offer the best fit and filtration, remain highly effective and inexpensive tools to protect oneself and mitigate transmission of COVID-19 and other respiratory pathogens.

TFP will provide masks (KN95 or KN94 and medical/surgical masks in a variety of sizes) for all campers and staff who wish to use them.

#### **IV. Maintaining Clean Hands, and Respiratory Hygiene**

Staff will reinforce proper [handwashing](#) to lower the risk of spreading infectious diseases, including COVID-19.

TFP will ensure adequate supplies are available to support hand hygiene behaviors, including soap, tissues, and hand sanitizers with at least 60 percent alcohol.

Staff will reinforce covering [coughs and sneezes](#) to help keep individuals from getting and spreading infectious diseases, including COVID-19.

#### **V. Cleaning Facilities and Disinfection**

Environmental cleaning and disinfection activities shall be performed following the manufacturers' instructions for proper use of the cleaning and disinfecting products.

Facilities management and staff will clean and disinfect surfaces such as floors, chairs, toilets, sinks, counters and tabletops on a regular basis to ensure they are safe and sanitary and when these surfaces are contaminated or visibly soiled.

## **MANAGEMENT OF COVID-19 SYMPTOMS OR CASES**

### **I. Individuals with Symptoms**

Staying home when sick can lower the risk of spreading infectious diseases, including COVID-19, to other people. Children and providers who are ill with symptoms of COVID-19 should stay home and get tested.

### **II. Screening & Testing**

TFP staff will screen all staff and participants for COVID-19 exposure and symptoms each day upon arrival. Anyone who reports a direct exposure to COVID-19 or symptoms of COVID-19 will be required to take a COVID-19 antigen test before participating in camp that day. Screening questions:

- Have you experienced any of the following symptoms of COVID-19 within the last 48 hours?

- Fever or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea
- Have you tested positive for COVID-19 in the past 10 days?

### **III. Campers & Staff Diagnosed with COVID-19**

Anyone who tests positive for COVID-19 on an antigen test at camp will be required to go home (staff) or be picked up by a parent/guardian right away (campers). Campers will be required to isolate from the larger group (under the supervision of a staff person) and wear a mask while awaiting parent pick-up.

Campers and staff diagnosed with COVID-19 will follow the recommendations listed in [Table 1 \(Persons who Test Positive for COVID-19\)](#) of the California Department of Health guidance for the general public, including staying home for at least 5 days.

TFP will follow Cal/OSHA requirements for dealing with employee cases of COVID-19. See [COVID-19 Preventions Non-Emergency Regulations Frequently Asked Questions](#) for Isolation and Quarantine for more information.

### **IV. Managing People Exposed to COVID-19**

Families should notify TFP staff if their child has COVID-19 and attended camp during their [infectious period](#). TFP will notify people who spent more than a cumulative total of 15 minutes (within a 24-hour time period) in a shared indoor airspace (e.g., classroom) with someone with COVID-19 during their infectious period.

Children and staff with known exposure to persons with COVID-19 should follow recommendations listed in [Table 2 \(Asymptomatic Persons Who are Exposed to Someone with COVID-19\)](#) of CDPH's guidance for the general public, including testing. As recommended in [Table 2](#), they should wear a well-fitting mask around others for a total of 10 days and get tested 3–5 days after last exposure.

### **V. Reporting COVID-19**

In the case of a COVID-19 outbreak or the outbreak of another communicable disease, staff will notify local health authorities as outlined by the [California Department of Public Health](#) (see “Reporting COVID-19”).

## **OTHER**

TFP will default to the recommendations of the California Department of Public Health in its [COVID-19 Guidance for Child Care Providers and Programs](#) regarding any relevant topics that are not covered in this document.