

# SANDY ISLAND COVID RESPONSE PLAN FAQ

## REASON FOR GUIDELINES

### **Why are these precautions necessary and how might they change?**

*We will be happy to change the protocol if the State of NH Guidelines for Overnight Camps changes, and if our medical team advises that we can do so safely. The Safe & Fun @ Sandy in '21 document is based on the current situation and is not likely to change before the April 1 deadline. We will keep everyone informed if guidelines can be adjusted.*

*One principle that will be informing our decisions is that we are concerned about the prospect of decisions that could create a "two-tiered" experience: one for those that have had the fortune of being vaccinated, and a second lesser experience for those that have not. It's looking unlikely that children under 18 will have an opportunity to receive a vaccine by the time the summer starts even if most adults are able to do so. We hesitate to support any new measures that would affect the on-island experience, if that experience couldn't reasonably be expected to apply to all campers, regardless of their age or that of their family members.*

## ARRIVAL and DEPARTURE

### **Will anyone be permitted to arrive mid-week or on a different day than Sunday?**

*Because of all the screening, check-in, and orientation requirements on Sunday, we are currently planning on requiring arrivals on Sundays only.*

### **Will it be possible to leave the island -and not return- before the following Saturday?**

*Campers can leave the island on a regularly scheduled boat or via water taxi if they are not returning. It's important to note that once you depart you wouldn't be able to come back, except through the standard process on a Sunday.*

### **Can we arrive from Harilla Landing?**

*North Woods will be the only arrival point this year because of check-in requirements.*

## EXTENDED STAY

**If we are staying for 2 weeks at Sandy, will we be allowed to stay over the interim Saturday?**

*Yes, those staying for two weeks can stay on the island.*

## LABOR DAY WEEKEND

**What will happen with Labor Day Weekend at Sandy?**

*Unfortunately, because of the new arrival day of Sunday, it was decided that LDW would be too short, and we can't offer it as a camping session this year. We are very optimistic it will be back in 2022.*

## CLEANING PROCEDURES

**What cleaning procedures are being added to camp this year?**

*Hand sanitizer stations will be located in high traffic areas and an additional handwashing station is being installed outside the dining hall. The Sandy Island housekeeping team will clean all bathrooms, public spaces, and doorknobs throughout the day. An ionizing disinfectant sprayer will be used to clean large areas and equipment. Instructional areas and sports equipment will be sanitized before and after each use*

## RESERVATION CHANGES

**How do I make changes to my current registration?**

*You can make changes to your reservation by calling Sarah in the office at 603.569.2725. If you are adding campers to your cabin and the fees are covered by your Cabin Minimum Fee, you must call Sarah no later than 2 weeks before the start of your week at camp. (Otherwise, guest fees apply.) If you would like to cancel your reservation for summer 2021, please do so before April 1. As of that date you are locked in for 50% of tuition. You can take an LOA (Leave of Absence) this year with no additional charges.*

## QUARANTINE

**Are out of state campers required to quarantine 10 days prior to camp? Does it make a difference if you're flying or driving?**

Travel to and from Sandy is the responsibility of Campers to conduct responsibly. The current State of NH Travel guidelines are here: <https://www.covidguidance.nh.gov/out-state-visitors>.

## TESTING

### **Will ALL family members need to be tested prior to camp? Even babies?**

*As of right now, proof of a negative PCR diagnostic test done no more than seven days prior to arrival at camp will be required for ALL family members, regardless of age.*

### **Will the COVID-19 test done at North Woods be a rapid test? If so, I have some concerns as there is a pretty high rate of false positives with rapid testing.**

*The screening test administered at North Woods will be a PCR test. We may use rapid tests in other cases where approved.*

## VACCINES

### **If an attendee has been vaccinated and provides proof, are the PCR tests still required?**

*Current guidelines require all campers provide proof of a negative PCR diagnostic test done no more than seven days prior to the day of arrival at camp. This test is required regardless of vaccination or immunization status. We are hopeful this requirement will change before camp starts. If it does we will let you know. An additional PCR test is required for all campers upon arrival at North Woods.*

### **Is pre-screening required if you have been vaccinated?**

*According to the current guidelines you do NOT need to make your pre-screen declarations if you have been vaccinated. However, you will still need to have evidence of the negative PCR test no more than 7 days prior to camp.*

### **Are you considering requiring all staff to be vaccinated?**

*Unless there is some truly dramatic new information from the relevant authorities, mandatory vaccinations will not be part of our Covid-19 response plan. Fortunately, we are going to be blessed with an onsite medical team that has extremely current and relevant experience in this matter. Dr Ashley, heading up the team, is a pediatrician and the student body physician at UNH. Her experience with COVID-19 in close quarter environments, along with her knowledge of the NH regulatory environment, has been, and will continue to be, invaluable.*

## DINING HALL

### **How will eating in the Dining Hall be made safer this summer?**

*Much dining will be outdoors under a tent this summer. If being in the Dining Hall concerns you, make sure to note your preference to be outdoors when you fill out the online form requesting your desired dining times and cohort. (The link to online forms will be sent closer to the start of camp.)*

## PROGRAM

**Can you comment on what adjustments you anticipate would be made for popular program activities? What about:**

1. Dances
2. Talent Show
3. Movie nights
4. Bingo
5. Softball
6. Triathlon
7. Water Carnival
8. Etc.

*Options are being identified for how to operate all of the other program items mentioned. The Boston Y is operating its branches currently with a wide variety of programming. There are day care facilities for pre-school aged children currently operating. Without getting into specifics, the example set by camps that operated safely last summer, and the example set by currently operating Boston Y branches give us a high degree of confidence that all of the programs listed can be operated safely, and therefore don't need to be cancelled. As mentioned, PPE will be required indoors or where physical distance cannot be maintained. The Lodge is indoors. Handwashing and sanitizing will be expected when equipment is common-use.*

## LITTLE RED SCHOOLHOUSE

**Will Little Red School house and activities for that age group be taking place?**

*Yes. Little Red School house is expected to run it's normal hours. 9:00 - 12:00.*

**Will children in LRSR be required to wear masks?**

*Yes. All children above the age of 2 will need to follow all PPE protocols.*