



**LUTHERHAVEN MINISTRIES**  
**CAMP LUTHERHAVEN, SHOSHONE MOUNTAIN RETREAT, AND**  
**SHOSHONE CREEK RANCH**  
**SUMMER 2021 YOUTH & FAMILY CAMP HEALTH & SAFETY GUIDE**  
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**FOR ALL CAMPERS, FAMILIES, AND RENTAL GROUPS AT CAMP LUTHERHAVEN & SHOSHONE MOUNTAIN RETREAT**

Camp Lutherhaven, Shoshone Mountain Retreat, & Shoshone Creek Ranch are excited to pivot back to summer youth and family camps for summer, 2021. We have worked closely with public health and camp professionals nationwide to develop these COVID-19 protocols and precautions.

**OUR #1 GOAL IS KEEPING CAMPERS, GUESTS, STAFF, VOLUNTEERS, AND FOLKS BACK HOME SAFE AND HEALTHY.**

This *Health & Safety Guide* provides parents, care givers, and group leaders information to help get their kids, youth, and families ready for summer camp. Our *Health & Safety Guide* is regularly updated; we will keep you informed of changes that may impact your summer camp stay.

Lutherhaven Ministries believes it is important for us to work with you to be part of the pandemic solution.

- We have a stellar team of medical and public health professionals helping make decisions and implement protocols based on scientific public health policy.
- We've written this *Health & Safety Guide* keeping in mind we draw campers, families, and groups from around the region and across the nation.
- Finally—with the more than 7,000 summer camps in the United States—we are basing our COVID health and safety policies on the most recent guidance from the [CDC guidelines for summer camps](#), the American Camp Association's [2021 Field Guide for Camps](#), and the [Association of Camp Nursing](#).

**COVID-19 EXPOSURE AND SYMPTOMS**

Closely observe your camper's and family's health and contacts in the **two weeks** leading up to your camp stay. Keep your camper or family home if they

1. Have been in contact with anyone diagnosed with COVID-19 within the previous 10 days
2. Have been diagnosed with COVID themselves within the previous 10 days
3. Show any symptoms associated with COVID-19
4. See the CDC COVID Symptom List: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html>

**VACCINES**

Safe COVID-19 vaccines are available nationwide to everyone over the age of 12. Vaccinations are key to the global pandemic solution, in addition to other safety steps.

- We **strongly urge all our camp staff and volunteers to be vaccinated**, as medically advisable. Our goal is 100 percent of our year-round and seasonal staff and long-term volunteers vaccinated by the start of summer camp, 2021.
- **Summer camp cabin counselors and other frontline staff are required to be fully vaccinated prior to the start of summer camp.**
- For 2021, Lutherhaven Ministries **requires all Volunteer Resource Staff to be completely vaccinated** at minimum two weeks prior to serving to camp.

- We **strongly encourage all campers and guests 12 and older** to be completely vaccinated, as medically advisable, at minimum two weeks prior to coming to camp.

## REQUIRED TESTING

COVID-19 testing is part of how we will help reduce the risk of COVID at our camps for summer 2021. COVID tests are available nationwide at health centers and select pharmacies. To locate a testing location near you, visit: [www.hhs.gov/coronavirus/community-based-testing-sites/index.html](http://www.hhs.gov/coronavirus/community-based-testing-sites/index.html).

We also have FREE testing available at camp.

## SUMMER CAMPERS

1. **All unvaccinated youth campers are required to be PCR tested within 7 days prior to their arrival at camp, and must present documented negative test results at registration. This one policy allows all campers to enjoy a “normal” week of summer camp.**
  - A PCR test, NOT rapid antigen test, is required.
  - **Test results must be presented on registration day, not emailed prior to camp.**
    - We only need to verify negative test results; test results will not be collected or stored at camp. Test results verification can be a paper copy or electronic copies on your phone or tablet, shown at check-in.
  - **Campers who are vaccinated or have documentation of a positive COVID test within 3 months prior to starting camp and have ended isolation do not need to be tested prior to camp.**
  - **Vaccinated campers** may present **proof of vaccination or proof of a positive COVID test** in place of being tested.
2. **We have Lucira Check-It PCR-level COVID-19 tests available for FREE to administer at camp. Parents may choose this option for testing their camper.**
  - Allow an extra 30 minutes for testing, prior to your camper check-in process.
  - The Lucira Check-it test is a simply, non-invasive nasal swab the camper can generally administer to themselves, or the parent can administer to their child.

## GROUPS AT CAMP OR IDAHO SERVANT ADVENTURES

- Vaccinations are strongly encouraged for all participants 12 and older, as medically advisable.
- PCR Testing prior to coming to camp is strongly encouraged for all **unvaccinated** participants, as described above. (Lutherhaven will not be providing Lucira tests for groups coming to camp.)
- PCR Testing is **required** (as described above) for group participants who will come in close contact with other camp program participants outside their own group.
  - Close contact is closer than 6-feet for more than 15 combined minutes per day
  - PCR Testing is **required** for all **Idaho Servant Adventures participants working with in direct contact with Champ Campers. All other ISA participants MUST maintain social distance and wear a mask with those being served.**
- PCR Testing is recommended but not required for groups traveling to camp and participating in programs strictly within their own group.

## FAMILIES COMING TO CAMP

- Vaccinations are strongly encouraged for all participants 12 and older, as medically advisable.

- PCR Testing prior to coming to camp is strongly encouraged for all **unvaccinated** participants. Lutherhaven will not have free Lucira tests available for families.
- PCR Testing is **required** as described above for family participants who will come in close contact with other camp program participants outside their own family OR GROUP.
  - Close contact is closer than 6-feet for more than 15 combined minutes per day
- PCR Testing is recommended but not required for families traveling to camp and participating in programs strictly within their own family OR GROUP.

**OPTIONAL:** It is recommended that all unvaccinated camp participants get tested for COVID 5 days after returning home from camp.

### **VACCINATED OR TESTED POSITIVE FOR COVID? No Testing Required!**

Campers and guests who have been fully vaccinated, or have had a positive viral test in the 3 months prior to starting camp and have met the criteria to end isolation should have a letter from their healthcare provider documenting the positive test date and stating the individual is cleared to end isolation. This documentation replaces the need for testing immediately prior to camp.

### **COMPROMISED IMMUNE SYSTEM?**

Individuals who are immunosuppressed (as defined by their family physician) or live in a home with an immunosuppressed person should consult with their health care provider(s) before deciding whether or not to participate in any summer camp program, and **must be cleared prior to coming to camp in writing by their physician**. Though we are taking extensive actions to keep camp safe, we are not able to guarantee a person on our sites will not be exposed to COVID-19; thus, participation in any camp program during the pandemic may not be recommended for individuals with known vulnerabilities that put them at greater risk, or with vulnerable individuals back home.

### **WHEN YOU ARRIVE**

Anyone with a temperature over 100.4 degrees, or exhibiting COVID-19 symptoms, or who has been exposed to COVID-19 or tested positive for the virus in the previous 10 days, will not be permitted to enter camp and must return home.

### **DROP OFF AND PICK-UP PROCEDURES**

You will be welcomed to our camp at your car by masked staff. Campers may have family members accompany them to their cabin to see the camp and meet the counselor.

- Non campers are not allowed inside the cabins.
- Social distance between other families and the camp staff is expected; your family's masking is encouraged but not required
- ***You will receive camper pick-up and other important information when you drop off your child***
- For this season, there is no late camper pick-up
- The Trading Post will be opened for one masked family member at a time, to purchase camp clothing and other souvenirs. The outside food window will be open for food purchases.

## TEMPERATURE CHECKS & DAILY HEALTH SCREENING

Campers and staff will have a health screening and temperature check upon arrival at camp, and a daily health screening during camp.

## CABIN GROUPS

Campers will live, eat, and do most camp activities together in cabin “households”. **Cabin campers are NOT required to wear masks** when with their cabin group! (Exception: rare times indoors in other camp buildings—NOT in their camper cabin.) Campers will closely intermingle only within their cabin “household”. When programming has cabin “households” coming together for large group activities, campers and staff will maintain physical distancing between other cabin groups, and wear masks whenever physical distancing (closer than 6-feet for more than 15 minutes per day) cannot be maintained.

## WHO NEEDS TO MASK UP?

Cloth mask wearing is one of several best practices to help prevent the spread of COVID-19. You will be welcomed to camp by masked staff. **Cabin campers are NOT required to wear masks** when with their cabin group! **Cloth face masks will be worn by campers and guests when going through indoor food service lines and at rare other times when indoors with other groups.** Masking is **NOT required** when campers are *inside their camper cabin*, and is **NOT required outdoors**, unless with other cabin groups at rare times when physical distancing of at least 6 feet for more than 15 minutes cannot be maintained.

**CAMPERS SHOULD PLAN TO BRING ONE CLOTH MASK FOR EACH CAMP DAY.**

## MASK EXEMPTIONS

There are no mask exemptions, with the exception of Champ campers with medically certified conditions that prevent mask-wearing, who **must be cleared prior to coming to camp in writing by their physician**. All other camp participants are required to adhere to our mask policies.

## WHAT ABOUT PHYSICAL DISTANCING?

**Physical distancing of at least 6 feet will be used by all camp participants at all possible times when interacting with others outside their cabin “household”** to allow for safe social interaction at camp. When physical distancing outdoors, campers will not need to wear masks!

## WE’RE OUTDOORS

We’ll take full advantage of our magnificent outdoor spaces to help mitigate the risk of COVID. Campers and guests will spend as much time outdoors as possible—weather permitting—to greatly reduce the risk of spreading COVID.

## HAND WASHING

Our camps will have new hand washing stations for campers, guests, and staff to scrub up and hand sanitize throughout the day.

## CLEANING/DISINFECTING

We’re increasing our cleaning and disinfecting around camp, from equipment to facilities.

## OUTSIDE DINING

Weather permitting; all meals will be eaten outdoors. Campers and guests will wear masks as they are served through our serving line. In the event of bad weather we may stagger eating times.

## OVERNIGHT

We'll have modified cabin sleeping arrangements so campers can sleep with their heads at least six feet apart, head-to-toe fashion. In addition, thanks to grant funding, camp has HEPA filtration systems in cabins and other indoor spaces to optimize air filtration and circulation. We'll have the windows open! **Campers should bring an extra blanket for cool camp nights!**

## ALL-CAMP GATHERINGS, WORSHIP, & GAMES

One of the best parts of summer camp is when the whole camp comes together for song, worship, and activities. Lutherhaven's long tradition of large camp gatherings continues—with only slight modification to lessen the risk of COVID. Campers can count on all the fun of every camp summer, with increased emphasis on health and safety of all, for the best week of your summer!

## VISITORS

Unregistered visitors will not be allowed on main camp when campers are present, to ensure the extended "household" we create at camp remains COVID free.

## OFF-CAMP TRIPS

Older campers will enjoy overnight campouts this summer—just in smaller "household" groups with increased health guidelines. If lake or river tubing is a regular part of your camp program, bring your swimsuit! *Idaho Servant Adventures* participants will continue serving others in the community—on an enhanced precaution-aware basis to keep everyone healthy.

## ISOLATION

Camp will have facilities reserved for campers, guests, staff, and volunteers who may develop COVID-related symptoms until they can return home to recover or test COVID-negative.

## CAMPERS OR GUESTS WITH COVID SYMPTOMS OR EXPOSED TO SYMPTOMATIC INDIVIDUALS

They will be quarantined (if exposed) or isolated (if symptomatic), we will contact camper parents to make appropriate decisions, and campers may have to go home. **Vaccinated campers or guests do not need to quarantine if exposed to symptomatic individuals, unless symptomatic.**

## STAFF, CAMPER, & GUEST INTERACTION

COVID vaccination—as medically advisable—and testing are game-changers for our staffing, programming, and health and safety precautions! You will notice our summer staff adopting certain best practices to help prevent the spread of COVID.

## QUESTIONS? CONTACT US!

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