

Delaware Valley University – Camp Guidelines for COVID-19

The University operates under the **assumption of shared responsibility** for the health and safety of our community and sustaining a dynamic learning environment. This document outlines expectations for COVID-19 preventive measures for camps at the University.

Every member of our community shares in the responsibility to safeguard their own health and that of others by abiding by the directives of this plan and following CDC guidelines for preventing the spread of illness. That guidance is summarized below:

- Complying with University masking policies;
- Monitoring participant vaccination status;
- Managing illness in accordance with CDC guidance;
- Practicing effective hygiene practices;
- Protecting others through good respiratory/cough and sneeze hygiene practices

Cleaning and Sanitation

Philosophy

Custodial Services cleans and disinfects all classrooms, bathrooms, lobby and hallway hard surfaces, public spaces, and high touch areas according to current CDC guidelines, including the use of EPA “List N” approved products recommended to disinfect these areas.

Regular classroom/camp area cleaning

In addition to regular scheduled cleaning by Custodial Operations, classrooms, laboratories and other spaces utilized by camps are stocked with disinfecting wipes for participant use.

Hand sanitation

Hand sanitizer stations have been placed at 130 locations throughout campus, including at building and classroom entrances/exits, common spaces, and other high traffic areas. Camp staff and directors are expected to monitor the use of hand sanitizer by all participants.

Meals on Campus

For safety, please remember that food cannot be shared between campers or camp staff during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Most campers and camp staff are expected to bring their own meals to campus. Camp directors should consult with the University to identify appropriate locations for campers and camp staff to eat. Meals may not be eaten in science or computer laboratories. Camp staff should plan to have adequate supplies on hand to clean after meals.

Some camps may have access to Levin Dining Hall for meals. The University and its corporate partner, Parkhurst Dining, have collaborated on a plan to offer dining services with full attention to safe and sanitary food preparation and service.

Parkhurst’s Safety Plan fully details the practices that will be implemented to ensure a safe and positive experience for diners. If your camp will require access to Levin Dining Hall, please contact CPS@delval.edu for more information.

Masking

The current University mask policy indicates that:

- Instructors and camp personnel may exercise their discretion to require participants and guests to wear masks in their individual classrooms, or laboratories
- Camps staff members who hold meetings in their personal/private offices may request masks continue to be worn
- Participants may request that visitors to their private space wear a mask
- Masks are required in University transportation, including vans and busses.
- Where masks are indicated, wear [recommended cloth or procedure face coverings](#). Gaiters, bandanas, and masks with respirator valves are not acceptable.
- Any and all community members are welcome to continue mask wearing indoors, even if not in a required setting as noted above, for their own personal comfort.

When and where indicated, cloth face coverings must cover both the nose and mouth and participants expected to comply with CDC guidelines on proper use, removal, and washing of cloth face coverings.

The University expects campers and camp staff to follow the guidelines above, and reserves the right to remove campers from campus or close camp programs for non-compliance.

Health Monitoring

The health and safety of the DelVal community is paramount and every camper and camp staffer has a responsibility to respect and protect those around them. Monitoring ones health and disclosing the emergence of any symptoms is a vital public health activity that assists in preventing the spread of illness.

People with symptoms of illness should report those to the camp director as soon as possible and remain off campus. Symptoms of concern may include:

- 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

These urgent symptoms require immediate emergency care:

- Trouble breathing
- Persistent pain or pressure in the chest
- New confusion
- Inability to wake or stay awake
- Bluish lips or face

Camp staff are expected to monitor participants for symptoms of concern throughout the day, and must immediately notify the Camp Director of any presenting symptoms of concern. Camp staff and directors are similarly expected to monitor themselves and each other for symptoms of concern.

Vaccination and case management

Camps are expected to follow [American Camp Association and CDC Guidance for Day and Overnight Camps](#). This guidance includes:

- Disclosing and monitoring participant vaccination status
- Managing identified cases in accordance with current isolation and quarantine guidelines
- Assigning participants in cohorts to mitigate risk of exposure

Residential Camps

Residential camps are reminded that staff and participants are part of a larger community of University students and staff. The congregate nature of this community is an important consideration in maintaining a safe, healthy experience for all participants. By participating in a residential camp program, campers and their parents choose to:

- occupy shared quarters (e.g. rooms, suites, lounges, bathrooms);
- be part of a larger residential community of camp participants, University students and staff;
- isolate immediately and seek medical care and direction should symptoms develop;
- comply with health and safety directives and departure plans if they become ill.

Safety and departure plans

Campers will collect from each participant in a residential camps a simple safety and departure plan before checking into their camp housing. This plan will be activated if quarantine, isolation or closure of the residence halls becomes necessary. Elements of the plan will include confirmation of emergency contact information and other essential information about location, travel arrangements and return-to-school requirements.