



2024 Health & Safety FAQs

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Overview: The mission of Camp Oasis Crohn's & Colitis Foundation is to enrich the lives of children with Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis by providing a safe and supportive camp community.

NOTE: The Crohn's & Colitis Foundation reserves the right to make policy changes, limit the number of campers allowed per site, and/or cancel a session should safety conditions, low registration, or proper staffing ratios warrant it.

FAQs:

Do these national guidelines apply to all Camp Oasis sessions?

All residential sessions must follow our health and safety guidelines. Additional precautions may be put in place if community spread is high and will be shared as appropriate.

What safety precautions are being implemented for residential camps in 2024?

- As we do every year, the Foundation will conduct a health screening for all Camp Oasis campers, volunteers, and staff at arrival check-in.
- The Foundation will be following the best available science and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines for all communicable diseases.
- We will share with all participants that the CDC encourages individuals to stay home if they have symptoms of a respiratory illness (ie: would include COVID-19, RSV, influenza among others). These symptoms can include fever, chills, fatigue, cough, runny nose, and headache, among others.

Are COVID-19 vaccinations required to attend Camp Oasis?

While staying up to date on COVID-19 vaccinations is strongly encouraged, it is not required to attend camp.

How did you come to the decision to allow COVID-19 vaccination exemptions for in-person camps?

We have had ongoing discussions with the Medical Advisory Sub-Committee of our National Camp Oasis Advisory Committee to review existing safety guidelines, scientific data, and insights from the Camp Oasis community. We have also reviewed, and are in alignment with, the latest protocols from the American Camp Association and the CDC's guidance for schools. Camp Oasis has traditionally allowed exemptions for other vaccines and immunizations.

We must also be aligned with our host site requirements; in 2024, this does require additional vaccinations for the Georgia camp and are detailed on the GA application immunization form.

If we want to follow the recommendation to be vaccinated for COVID-19, how do I know which series of COVID-19 vaccinations meet CDC guidelines?

You can find the [current CDC recommendations on their website](#). The recommendations will be different depending on age, health status, and the amount of time since receiving the primary series of vaccination. People who are immunocompromised may need an additional dose as part of their primary vaccine series, per the CDC guidelines.

If a participant has been vaccinated for COVID-19, how do they add that to their health history?

You will be able to add the dates of vaccination in the immunization portion of the online application.

Will Camp Oasis be testing everyone for COVID-19 at arrival this year?

Per CDC guidelines, we will only be testing participants who are symptomatic.

What happens if someone becomes symptomatic at camp?

Individuals exhibiting symptoms will be isolated and tested. If an individual has a positive COVID-19 test, they will continue to isolate until they are able to leave camp. Parents are required to pick up their campers as soon as possible after notification as our camp isolation facilities will have a limited capacity. Campers who test negative, but have persistent symptoms, will still be asked to go home.

If a counselor or camper tests positive during camp, what will happen to the rest of the cabin?

We will notify parents of all bunk mates who may have been exposed so that they can make the decision if they want to pick up their child early.

What are the guidelines if someone has been exposed to a respiratory illness prior to camp?

Participants who have been exposed to a respiratory illness such as COVID-19 can attend Camp Oasis if they are symptom free.

What if someone has recently tested positive or had symptoms of respiratory illness?

Participants can join Camp Oasis **5 days after both of the following** are true:

- Your symptoms are getting better overall, **and**
- You have not had a fever (and are not using fever-reducing medication).

Will wearing a mask be required?

At this time, masking will not be required in summer 2024. However, anyone feeling more comfortable wearing a mask at camp is encouraged to do so.

What is the cost of virtual camp – CampOasis@Home?

We will once again be offering our virtual Camp Oasis program free of charge.

What activities are available for CampOasis@Home?

We will continue to offer online sessions including camper favorites like cabin chats, arts & crafts, interactive games, Oasis Fest, and more. Campers will receive a camp-in-the-box with supplies, attend live sessions with awesome volunteers, and make new friends. Campers cannot register for both in-person camp and CampOasis@Home.

How do I apply for 2024 camp?

Registration for each in-person camp and CampOasis@Home virtual sessions will open on February 1, 2024. The 2024 application and more information about camp dates and sites can be found on our [Find a Camp webpage](#).

I have some specific questions – who should I contact?

For any questions, please contact camp@crohnscolitisfoundation.org