



Health & Safety FAQs



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 2025?

- 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 an infectious disease or respiratory illness (i.e. COVID-19, RSV, influenza, etc.). These symptoms can include fever, chills, fatigue, cough, runny nose, rash, and headache, among others.
- We encourage all members of the camp community to use their best judgment when deciding to attend if not feeling well, and to assess your own risk factors should you be exposed to infectious disease at camp. We also strongly recommend all participants are immunized according to the CDC's current guidelines.

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.

What happens if someone becomes symptomatic at camp?

Individuals exhibiting symptoms, such as fever or cough, will be isolated and tested for COVID-19. 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).

How do I apply for camp?

Registration for each in-person camp and CampOasis@Home virtual sessions will open in early February. The 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