



Santa Barbara Botanic Garden Summer Camp Communicable Disease Control Plan

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The Santa Barbara Botanic Garden (the Garden) is committed to the health and safety of our community, and will follow these guidelines to ensure that protocol is followed. This is a living document and may change based on new CDC, state, and county guidelines.

COVID-19 Overview

The Garden will be following CDC, state, and regional guidelines for our COVID-19 prevention protocols. As a result, these protocols may change in accordance with government agencies. Campers will be not be required to wear a mask while at camp except when indoors or as part of our COVID-19 protocols (see **Protocols on Symptoms, Potential Exposure and Testing Positive for COVID-19**). Upon checking-in, campers will undergo a daily health screening (see **Health Screening**). The Garden will also be implementing a set of Nonpharmaceutical Interventions to help reduce the spread of communicable diseases (see **Nonpharmaceutical Interventions**).

Vaccinations

Having your child vaccinated against COVID-19 is not a requirement to attend Summer Camp at the Garden, however whether a camper is up to date on their vaccinations does trigger different responses in our COVID-19 response. See **Protocols on Symptoms, Potential Exposure and Testing Positive for COVID-19** below for more details.

Health Screening

A health screening is completed daily prior to the start of camp, beginning the day before the camp program for both staff and campers. Parents/Guardians may show a completed online screening on their phone completed day-of upon arrival or will have staff complete the screening when checking-in. Temperatures are always checked by staff before a camper joins the group. The practice is a risk-management strategy to (a) protect the camp community from preventable illness and (b) obtain up-to-date and complete health information for each person. In general, the process updates the health form, gathers information about medications, assesses current health status and specifically asks about exposure to communicable disease. It is expected that campers and staff arrive for their camp experience in good health. The camp reserves the right not to admit an ill person.

The health screening includes a temperature check and campers/staff are asked if they have experienced any of the following symptoms that day:

- *A fever (100.4°F +)
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Pain or muscle aches
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- *Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea
- *Loss of taste or smell

**Red Flag symptoms*

Furthermore, the screening asks if the camper has:

- Come into contact with someone diagnosed with COVID-19
- Someone in their house is experiencing the above symptoms

Significant findings from the screening trigger discussion to understand underlying cause that may or may not have to do with COVID-19. Symptoms are acted upon as warranted by the situation. For example, campers who were experiencing a headache may be given additional water and rest time to see if symptoms improve, while campers who have a painful and persistent sore throat will be asked to stay home. Campers experiencing Red Flag symptoms, regardless of their vaccination status, will be asked to remain home (see **Protocols on Symptoms, Potential Exposure and Testing Positive for COVID-19**).

To combat the spread of COVID-19 or other infectious diseases, starting 24 hours prior to camp, parents should do an at-home health screening of their child to determine whether their child needs testing or to postpone or cancel their camp experience.

Symptoms at Camp

If a camper is experiencing any of the Red Flag COVID-19 Symptoms or is not vaccinated and had a close contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 will be asked to remain home from camp and must be cleared before they can return (See Protocols on Symptoms, Potential Exposure, and Testing Positive for COVID-19). Prorated refunds for up to 2 full days of camp fees are available for campers who are asked to stay home due to illness or COVID-19.

If during their time at camp, campers develop Red Flag or worrisome COVID-19 symptoms or are too ill to participate, they will be sent home. Before pick-up, the Youth and Family Program Manager will log a list of their symptoms and will provide basic care (place to rest, water, place to lie down, etc.).

Nonpharmaceutical Interventions (NPI's)

The Garden uses the following NPI's to help reduce the chance of transmission of communicable diseases while at camp:

- **Masks:** While outside, campers will not be required to wear masks. However, children and staff will be required to wear CDC-approved masks whenever they are indoors, including bathroom breaks. Spare disposable masks are available in case a child does not remember to bring their mask.
- **Handwashing:** Counselors and children will wash and/or sanitize their hands several times throughout the day, including before and after snack and lunch. Counselors will have hand sanitizer on them at all times.
- **Outdoor environment:** As much as possible, camp activities will take place outside. Exceptions to this rule include activities that can only take place in certain locations, for example, visiting our research labs or herbarium.
- **Materials:** Any shared materials between groups will be disinfected after each use by camp counselors.

Children who do not comply with the Garden's NPI's will receive up to two warnings before they are sent home. Depending on the severity of the violation, they may be removed from the camp and future sessions.

Protocols on Symptoms, Potential Exposure and Testing Positive for COVID-19

Please see the information and table below for details on the Garden's response to a camper or Garden staff member who is experiencing symptoms, is exposed to someone with, or has tested positive for COVID-19.

- Close contact is defined by the Center of Disease Control as being less than 6 feet away from an infected person (laboratory-confirmed or a clinical diagnosis) for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period. For example, three individual 5-minute exposures for a total of 15 minutes.
- Up to date on vaccines is defined as a person has received all recommended COVID-19 vaccines, including any booster dose(s) when eligible. If you have received all your eligible shots and are due for a booster in a few months, you would be considered up to date. Children who are taking their initial vaccines in a series (2 shots taken 21 days apart) would need to have received both of their shots to be considered up to date. People who are immunocompromised may need additional vaccines in order to be considered up to date.
- To be considered someone who has had COVID within 90 days you must have had a confirmed case, meaning you received a positive antigen or PCR test.
- Day 0 is considered the first day you experience symptoms or from when you came in contact with someone who tested positive.

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Scenario	Up to Date on Vaccines	Not Up to Date on Vaccines	Had COVID within 90 days
Camper is exhibiting "red flag" or worrisome symptoms of COVID-19.	Camper will be sent home and cannot return to camp for 5 full days after symptoms developed. Campers may shorten quarantine if they receive a negative antigen test. After 5 days or a negative antigen test, if symptoms are improving and they are fever-free for 24 hours without the use of medication, campers can return to camp but must wear a mask at all times and will have a more robust screening process until 10 days after onset of symptoms.	Camper will be sent home and cannot return to camp for 5 full days after symptoms developed. Campers may shorten quarantine if they receive a negative antigen test. After 5 days or a negative antigen test, if symptoms are improving and they are fever-free for 24 hours without the use of medication, campers can return to camp but must wear a mask at all times and will have a more robust screening process until 10 days after onset of symptoms.	Camper will be sent home and cannot return to camp for 5 full days after symptoms developed. Campers may shorten quarantine if they receive a negative antigen test. After 5 days or a negative antigen test, if symptoms are improving and they are fever-free for 24 hours without the use of medication, campers can return to camp but must wear a mask at all times and will have a more robust screening process until 10 days after onset of symptoms.
Someone in their household is exhibiting "red flag" symptoms of COVID-19.	Do not need to quarantine unless they exhibit ANY COVID-19 symptoms, however camper must wear a mask at all times. If the person exhibiting red flag symptoms receives a negative antigen test, the camper does not need to continue quarantining or wearing a mask.	Must quarantine until the person exhibiting red flag symptoms receives a negative antigen test or <u>it has been 5 full days since their last contact</u> , even if the camper does not have symptoms present. After 5 days or a negative antigen test, campers can return to camp but must wear a mask at all times and will have a more robust screening process until 10 days after their last contact.	Do not need to quarantine unless they exhibit ANY COVID-19 symptoms, however camper must wear a mask at all times. If the person exhibiting red flag symptoms receives a negative antigen test, the camper does not need to continue quarantining or wearing a mask.
Camper has had close contact with someone who tested positive for COVID-19	Do not need to quarantine unless they exhibit ANY COVID-19 symptoms. Camper must wear a mask at all times until 10 days after their last exposure. It is recommended they get tested 5 days after last contact.	Must quarantine for at least 5 days since last contact even if they do not have symptoms present. After 5 full days, campers can return to camp but must wear a mask at all times and ANY COVID-19 symptoms will trigger a red flag response until 10 days after their last contact.	Do not need to quarantine unless they exhibit ANY COVID-19 symptoms. Camper must wear a mask at all times until 10 days after their last exposure. It is recommended they get tested 5 days after last contact.
A camper tests positive for COVID-19	Must isolate themselves, even if they don't have symptoms, for at least 5 full days. After 5 full days, if symptoms are improving and they are fever-free for 24 hours without the use of medication, campers can return to camp but must wear a mask at all times and will have a more robust screening process until 10 days after their last contact.	Must isolate themselves, even if they don't have symptoms, for at least 5 full days. After 5 days, if symptoms are improving and they are fever-free for 24 hours without the use of medication, campers can return to camp but must wear a mask at all times and will have a more robust screening process until 10 days after their last contact.	Must isolate themselves, even if they don't have symptoms, for at least 5 full days. After 5 days, if symptoms are improving and they are fever-free for 24 hours without the use of medication, campers can return to camp but must wear a mask at all times and will have a more robust screening process until 10 days after their last contact.