

Date: July 31, 2020 Subject: Summer day camp guidance

The Ministry of Health released their [“COVID-19 Guidance – Summer Day Camps”](#) document. It provides an approach to safely opening and operating day camps this summer. Please refer to the [Ministry website](#) to access the most recent version. In addition to this document, to help you operate day camps safely and reduce the risk of transmission of COVID-19, please see below for additional local recommendations and information.

Recommendations from Region of Waterloo Public Health

Masks/Face coverings: In addition to the most recent provincial guidance regarding mask/face covering use in the day camp setting:

- Staff should wear a mask/face covering in other situations where physical distancing cannot be maintained between themselves and another person
- Consider age- and situation-appropriate mask/face-covering use for camp participants consistent with provincial [School Re-Opening guidance](#)

Symptomatic individuals at camp: Provincial guidelines discuss steps for managing a symptomatic person at camp once identified.

- Public Health should be contacted when staff or camp participants have symptoms of COVID-19. To notify Public Health please complete and submit the [Region of Waterloo Reporting Form for Symptomatic Staff / Children](#).
- Any symptomatic staff or camp participants should be referred for [further assessment and COVID-19 testing](#).
- Public Health will provide guidance about what to do while awaiting results and what to do if a result is positive.

Cash handling

- Avoid cash handling. Consider alternative payment methods including cards, online payments and over the phone transactions.

Washroom use: Provincial guidance states plans should be made to prevent mixing of cohorts in washrooms and to frequently clean and disinfect shared surfaces in washroom.

- When possible, space out sinks and stalls so that they are at least 2 metres apart. Consider blocking off every other one to achieve this.

**For further information, please call Region of Waterloo Public Health
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