

June 15, 2022



Dear Residential Camp Families,

We are sending this to you with **very important information** regarding our 2022 camp season. Despite following the guidance put forth by the CDC and American Camp Association, we are now experiencing COVID cases amongst our staff at camp. Due to the number of staff impacted, we have made the following decisions to best support the health and safety of campers and staff moving forward and are continuing to monitor the situation. Please know that any additional **decisions made in the next few days** about how we run our residential program could further impact you and your camper. We do not take these decisions lightly and ask that you help us by reading all the information below and emailing us with any questions you may have.

Residential Camp Session 1 (June 19 – 25)

If you are feeling uncomfortable, we are offering you the option to move your camper to another session with an opening, as extra slots have been created. Since most of our sessions are 2-week sessions, you may enroll for the first week of a two-week session as a one-week camper.

- **We will notify families by 5:00PM Thursday if we have the staffing to go forward with RC 1.**
- If it is canceled and you cannot change your session, you will receive a full refund.

Please check our new requirements for all Residential Campers

- **We strongly encourage campers** to be [Up to Date](#) with their vaccines. If a camper is not up-to-date and is deemed a [close contact](#) with any positive COVID-19 cases, they will have to be sent home to quarantine for 10 days. This is due to updated guidance from the CDC that you can find [HERE](#). If your camper is up-to-date or has had COVID-19 within the past 90 days they can remain at camp as long as they continue to not show symptoms.
- **If your camper is sent home**, they will be welcomed back after 10 days, if there is room in that session or a subsequent session. We will not refund tuition due to a camper needing to be sent home for medical reasons.
- **All Residential Campers will have to show proof of a negative COVID-19 test** taken within 24 hours of arrival at camp. This can be a rapid test taken at home, with a time stamped photo shown upon drop off. If you do not have access to a test, we will test your camper before being admitted into camp.
- **If your camper has had COVID-19 within 90 days**, and it has been longer than 10 days since the original positive result, they do not need to test. But we will need to see proof of a positive PCR test with the camper's name and date or a note from their doctor confirming COVID-19 within 90 days to excuse them from testing.
- **Any camper exhibiting any COVID-19 symptoms** will be sent home but may return after proof of a negative PCR test if they are no longer exhibiting symptoms.
- **Until we feel it is safer** all camp activities that included day campers and residential campers together will now be separated, this will include mealtimes.

Our team at Camp Hochelaga thanks you for your understanding. The safety of your camper is of the utmost importance to us, and we are confident these added measures will help ensure that. **We ask that you check your email regularly for updated communication, spam folder too.** Please contact us with any questions.

Sincerely,

Chelsea Rendlen, Camp Director