

Summer 2021 COVID Policies

COVID-19 Policies

We are focused on providing a safe and healthy environment for our campers and staff to learn and teach. BASIS Independent McLean can't entirely eliminate any health risk, but we are using the Centers for Disease Control guidelines to mitigate as much risk as possible.

Especially now, we ask our community—campers, teachers, staff, and parents—to work together toward a common goal: keeping our community safe. We ask each community member to commit to staying home when not feeling well in any way, and to adhere to our safety guidelines in the routines of summer camp life. Our strength lies in our unified spirit to remain disciplined to the protocols we set forth.

Change in Condition

A global pandemic is unpredictable and conditions could change at any moment. BASIS Independent McLean will continue to monitor all local, state, and national guidelines and the local health situation. If conditions or regulations change before or during summer camp, we will update this page and notify all camp registrants.

June 2021 Update

Since registration when we created our original health and safety policies, the [Centers for Disease Control](#) has updated some of their guidance for summer camps. We have consistently aligned our policies with CDC guidance and are making some changes to our summer policies based on their most recent information. The new guidance is directly related to the availability of the COVID-19 vaccine for all student age 12 and up and all adults.

Safety Protocols

Vaccination

- We expect all eligible community members to have received a COVID-19 vaccine.

Limited Visitors

- Limited visitors will be allowed in the building. All visitors will be required to wear a mask, whether they are vaccinated or not, and to maintain 6-foot social distancing.

Daily Health Checks

- Daily health checks are required each morning; however, they should be done at home and do not need to be submitted to the school. We continue to request that you do not send your child to camp if they are feeling unwell.

Face Coverings

- Campers and staff age 3 and older are required to wear masks all day in the building, except when *actively* eating, drinking, and napping (ages 3 and 4).
- Masks will be optional while outside.
- School employees may remove their mask when alone in their office.
- Masks should:
 - have two or more layers of washable fabric
 - be breathable fabric, completely cover the nose and mouth
 - fit snugly against the sides of your face and not have gaps
 - Have a nose wire to prevent air from leaking out of the top of the mask
 - Please see the CDC's webpage, "[How to Select, Wear, and Clean Your Mask.](#)"
- Gaiters, bandanas, and masks with exhalation valves or vents may *not* be worn.
- Campers are required to bring their own mask and a back-up mask to school each day.
- Face shields are allowed in addition to masks. Face shields cannot be worn without masks.

Social Distancing & Small, Consistent Groups

- All campers must remain at least 3 feet apart in academic settings whenever possible. Students will remain 6 feet apart while eating. Staff will remain 6 feet from each other and campers, as much as possible.
- Students will be kept in cohort bubbles as much as possible to minimize mixing of groups.

Sanitation & Cleaning

- Hand-washing and hand sanitizing will have a substantial presence and regular expectation each day.
- Every person entering the campus will hand sanitize prior to or upon entering.
- Hand sanitizer will be available in every office and classroom.
- Our standard cleaning will be increased to include additional cleaning of high-touch areas such as door handles throughout the day.
- Campers will clean their desks throughout the day, as developmentally appropriate.

COVID-19 on Campus

- Families are asked to keep their camper home if they are feeling ill.
- Any community member (camper, staff, parent) who is lab-confirmed COVID-19 positive or lives with a person who is lab-confirmed COVID-19 positive, must inform the Head of Operations and Health Coordinator as soon as possible.
- Students who are visibly sick with non-COVID-19 symptoms will be sent to the health office, and their parents called to pick them up.
- Any student or non-vaccinated employee showing COVID-19 symptoms at school will be isolated. For students, their parents will be called to pick them up immediately and the

student will be required to remain at home until the criteria below are met. We are following the CDC's list of COVID-19 symptoms that you can find here, which includes a fever of 100.4°. For non-vaccinated employees, they will be sent home immediately and required to remain at home until the criteria below are met. Vaccinated employees will go home if they are too sick to work.

- Students or non-vaccinated employees who have new or worsening signs or symptoms linked above will not be allowed to return to school until:
 - 1 | In the case of a student/employee who was diagnosed with COVID-19, the individual may return to school when all three of the following criteria are met: at least 3 days (72 hours) have passed since recovery (resolution of fever without the use of fever-reducing medications); and the individual has improvement in respiratory symptoms (e.g., cough, shortness of breath); and at least 7 days have passed since symptoms first appeared; or
 - 2 | In the case of a student/non-vaccinated employee who has symptoms that could be COVID-19 and does not get evaluated by a medical professional or tested for COVID-19, the individual is assumed to have COVID-19, and the individual may not return to school until the individual has completed the same three-step criteria listed above. If there is a lab-confirmed positive case in our community, our first step is to call the local health department. They then direct our actions, which may include contact tracing at its direction. They may recommend that we close the school or specific classrooms or cohorts. It depends on the circumstances.
- If there is a lab-confirmed positive case in our community, we will notify anyone at risk of contact. We will not share the identity of anyone who has tested positive, in order to adhere to privacy guidelines.
- Students and non-vaccinated staff with known close contact to a person who is lab-confirmed to have COVID-19 will be required to take a 14-day self-quarantine period from last date of exposure.