

COVID-19 & REC CAMPS

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AGENDA



Updated COVID-19 Safety Guidance & HPPA – Ramien



2022 outbreak management expectations – Joanna



COVID-19 testing considerations – Dr. Lee



Open question & answer session - All

REOPENING ONTARIO ACT AND COVID-19 SAFETY GUIDANCE: CAMPS



As the Reopening Ontario Act (ROA) is no longer in effect, the Ministry of Health's guidance document entitled [COVID-19 Safety Guidance: Camps \(revised March 1, 2022\)](#) is no longer a requirement. However, this document can continue to be used as a best practices document to develop and implement specific protocols as needed.

The easing of public health measures, such as the mask mandate does not mean that the COVID-19 pandemic is over or that the risk of infection has been eliminated. COVID-19 continues to spread in our community and caution remains essential.

HEALTH PROTECTION AND PROMOTION ACT & CAMPS



Overnight camps are bound by O. Reg. 503/17 under the Health Protection and Promotion Act,

- owners/operators of overnight camps must immediately notify the medical officer of health or public health inspector of a suspected outbreak of a communicable disease.

REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS– REG 503



RECREATIONAL CAMPS

Recreational camp

- “recreational camp” means a camp for recreational activities on a site in which sleeping and eating facilities are provided for temporary occupancy, with or without charge, for five or more persons who are under eighteen years of age or persons who have special needs.

Drinking Water Systems

- 170 systems
 - “children’s camp” means a camp that is intended primarily for 10 or more campers under 18 years of age for temporary occupancy for five or more consecutive 24 hour periods, and
 - is a recreational camp within the meaning of Ontario Regulation 503/17 (Recreational Camps) made under the *Health Protection and Promotion Act*,
- 319 systems
 - “public facility” (f) a recreational camp

RECREATIONAL CAMP CHECKLIST



Camp Safety Plan

Staff

Recreational Water Safety

Recreational Water Safety Equipment

Animals

Ventilation

Pest Control

Lighting

Drinking Water Supply

Sanitation Facilities

Food Preparation

ROUTINE RESPIRATORY OUTBREAK CONTROL MEASURES



Hand Hygiene

Cough/Sneeze Etiquette

Limit mixing of cohorts

Isolation/exclusion

Modify activities

Increase education

Environmental cleaning

Communication

Definition of Outbreak

Three (3) or more cases of respiratory illness in campers and/or staff in the same cohort, where at least 1 case likely acquired infection at camp.



Probable/confirmed cases of COVID-19

- Cases should not stay at camp for isolation
 - If isolation onsite – must be able to self-isolate away from others
- Dedicated staff to care for cases + droplet/contact precautions
- Isolation/Exclusion
 - 5 days from onset of symptoms or test date (if asymptomatic) if under 12 years OR fully vaccinated
 - 10 days from onset/test date if >12 years AND not fully vaccinated OR immunocompromised

Close (high-risk) contacts of probable/confirmed cases

- Cohorts treated as household close contacts
- Contacts who do not meet following must self-isolate for same time frame as case as per provincial guidelines:
 - Previously tested +ve (past 90 days); OR
 - 18+ years and boosted (3rd dose); OR
 - <18 years and fully vaccinated (2 doses).

ADDITIONAL COVID-19 OUTBREAK MEASURES



Recreational Camps Respiratory Outbreak Checklist

Outbreak Number: _____

Recreational Camp Name: _____

- Cohorts must physically distance outdoors (in addition to indoors).
- Masking indoors if other cohort present (regardless of physical distancing)
- Cases isolating at camp should not be in same area as non-COVID individuals seeking medical care
- Singing, playing wind/brass instruments & heavy exertion activities not to occur indoors

COVID TESTING CONSIDERATIONS



- Pre-testing prior to camp not required
- RAT positive results do not need confirmatory testing (regardless if individual has symptoms)
- Molecular testing only for “highest risk settings” or priority populations
 - Recreational camps are not currently considered a highest risk setting
 - Some individuals at camp may be eligible for molecular testing (e.g. immunocompromised, pregnant, those at higher risk of severe disease)
- No expectation for testing of cases or close contacts during outbreak
- If tested at camp, no requirement to report individual COVID-19 cases separately

