

# Ferry Beach COVID/Communicative Virus Policies - YOUTH CAMP

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We have built our COVID-19/Communicative Virus policies and guidance around information provided by the US CDC, State of Maine CDC, and other research based sources throughout the pandemic.

**This policy applies to 2023 Ferry Beach Youth Camp only and differs from our standard COVID policy. As campers lodging is not self-determined, this policy is designed to better protect individuals coming together from different locations for extended periods of time.**

## Overview

**Vaccines:** Required for all Campers and Coordinators/Counselors

**Masking:** Recommended Indoors (Required in Food Service Lines)

**Testing:** Required Negative Rapid Test Result Before Visiting for the Youth Camp Event

**COVID Positive While Visiting:** Required to Leave Facility - Roommate as well

**Flexibility:** Required for ever-evolving policies and external conditions that may affect your stay

## Vaccinations Required

As campers from different families come together in community for extended periods of time at Ferry Beach, we require that all campers be fully vaccinated for COVID-19 (per US CDC guidance at time of registration). All staff must be fully vaccinated.

## Before Visiting Ferry Beach

Please ask your camper the following questions before visiting Ferry Beach. These questions are intended to help keep visitors, staff and others at Ferry Beach safe and reduce the spread of COVID-19 and other Communicative Viruses. If answering yes to any of these questions, we ask that the camper's visit be rescheduled for another season:

- Have you or anyone in your household had any of the following symptoms in the last 5 days: Fever over 100 degrees fahrenheit, chills, cough, shortness of breath/difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle/body aches, headache, new loss of taste/smell, sore throat, congestion/runny nose, nausea, vomiting, and/or diarrhea?
- Have you or anyone in your household been diagnosed with COVID-19/Communicative Virus within the last 10 days?

- To the best of your knowledge, have you been in close proximity to any individual who tested positive for COVID-19 in the past 5 days?

Additionally, we require that all Campers/Coordinators/Counselors take a rapid COVID-19 test upon visiting Ferry Beach for Youth Camp to help protect your families, friends, others visiting Ferry Beach and our Staff. A test is also strongly recommended prior to arrival if the camper, or someone who has been in close contact with them, has traveled internationally and/or by public transportation (airline, bus and/or train) within the last 5 days.

### **Items to Bring:**

- **Masks:** We ask that you have enough masks for your camper's entire visit. See our masking policy in our SMART guidelines.
- **COVID-19 Rapid Tests:** Please bring enough tests for your camper to use. We require at least two rapid tests during Youth Camp - **One to be used upon arrival prior to entering.**
- **Hand Sanitizer:** Using hand sanitizer at times when they aren't able to wash their hands reduces the spread of germs. Ferry Beach has hand sanitizer pumps around campus for everyone's convenience, but it is a good idea to have some on your camper too.
- **Refillable Water Bottle:** Not only is this better for sustainability, but for the time being, our water fountains will remain shut down. We will have water stations available.

### **Becoming Ill While at Ferry Beach**

If a camper is feeling ill at Ferry Beach, we request that the individual immediately mask, contact the nurse/staff, isolate from others and take a COVID test. Upon receiving a positive test result, the camper will be asked to depart the campus. All person(s) sharing a room will be considered exposed and will also be asked to leave the campus. Campers who attend tracks & workshops with the positive camper will be asked to monitor their symptoms, may be asked to wear a mask and test again prior to the end of camp.

If a camper is required to leave Ferry Beach earlier than scheduled for a COVID related reason, Ferry Beach will prorate the visit and refund the money (less processing fees) or apply a credit to the next visit. If the camper has completed 50% or more of the camp, no refunds will be given. We are not able to address any need for extended isolation on campus. Isolation will only be used until the camper has the ability to leave campus.

## **Check-In:**

Check-in procedures will be based around current COVID/Communicative Virus guidance and best practice. Check-in information will be sent to groups and guests prior to their arrival to Ferry Beach.

## **Dining Hall:**

Movement through the dining hall will remain one-way and meals will be served cafeteria style. Enter the dining room from the Boardwalk Drive side of the building and exit through the doors on the Gardiner side. The meal line may extend to the outdoors during serving time. Please form lines down the walkway instead of around the interior of the dining hall or the porch. Masks are required while in food lines.

## **Community Living:**

Please encourage all campers to help by cleaning up after themselves by wiping down handles, doors, and/or frequently touched surfaces. We will have plenty of disinfectant and cleaning supplies in the dining hall and within the restrooms.

## **Reduced Paper:**

We have moved our in-room booklet, song books, Tidings newsletters and Sunday chapel programs to the Ferry Beach app. We will have posters with QR codes around campus to access these documents, or you can access them directly through the app. Download the app at [app.ferrybeach.org](http://app.ferrybeach.org) or by searching your app store.

## **Let's be SMART about COVID-19/Communicative Viruses**

We are asking our guests to be COVID/Communicative Virus **S.M.A.R.T.** and have established some basic guidelines we hope all guests will adhere to while at Ferry Beach.

### **S: Status: Vaccinated**

We require all Campers be fully vaccinated based on US CDC guidance for their personal situation at the time of registering.

### **M: Masked Faces**

We suggest that all visitors at Ferry Beach wear a proper fitting N-95 or KN-95 mask over their mouth and nose when in large groups - especially indoors. Masks will be required in DeWolfe while in service lines and may be removed when seated. Masks will also be required if a member of the camper's cohort tests positive for COVID-19 while at camp.

### **A: Adapt & Be Flexible**

Rules and guidance change quickly - We ask that you remain flexible and adapt to new policies as they become active at Ferry Beach.

### **R: Respiratory Etiquette**

Practice good respiratory etiquette, including:

- Cover your mouth and nose when coughing or sneezing.
- Use tissues and throw them away.
- Wash your hands and/or use a hand sanitizer every time you touch your mouth or nose.

### **T: Track Symptoms**

Self-monitor for symptoms: fever or chills; cough; difficulty breathing; fatigue; muscle or body aches; headache; loss of taste or smell; sore throat; congestion; nausea or vomiting; diarrhea. See CDC's full symptom list at [fbch.me/symptoms](https://fbch.me/symptoms). Report to the nurse/staff if any occur while at camp.

### **!: Have Fun**

Enjoy camp at Ferry Beach! We are so happy you are sharing time with us! Let's all do our part to keep the Ferry Beach community safe!