

**YMCA of Orange County – Camp E.L.K.
COVID-19 Related Operating Procedures
Summer 2023**

General

- **The YMCA of Orange County – Camp E.L.K. will operate following best practices as described by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), California Department of Public Health (CDPH), Los Angeles Department of Public Health (LACDPH) and the American Camp Association (ACA) guidance for overnight resident camps and will continue to update these operating procedures based on the latest guidance as it is released.**
- Sharing of any items or space will be limited as much as possible.
- Vaccination for COVID will not be a requirement to attend. We suggest consulting with your personal/family health care provider for the best guidance and advice related to vaccination.

Pre-Camp Health Checks

- **On the day of departure, each camper and staff must provide a negative COVID-19 at home or lab antigen test (AKA rapid test) administered and dated within 24 hours of camp departure. A lab provided print out, the physical at home test strip, or a time stamped photo of the at home test strip will be accepted as proof.**
- Any camper or staff who has tested positive for COVID-19 within 90 days prior to camp departure may provide a doctor's clearance stating that their contagion/quarantine period has ended instead of a negative test if they choose.
- Any camper or staff who cannot provide one of these options will not be allowed to attend camp. At this time, those who have been vaccinated are NOT excluded from the testing requirement.
- To find testing locations near you, visit <https://testing.covid19.ca.gov/> .
- On departure day, campers will be subject to a health screening including a no-touch temperature check, questions regarding COVID and other illness related symptoms, exposure to known cases of COVID-19, and a lice check.

Cabins

- There will be no more than 12 campers and 2 counselors per cabin group.
- All guests will use assigned bathrooms.

Dining

- Meals will be served by methods acceptable to current health codes at the time of camp.

Program Activities

- Normal program activities will operate following ACA standards.
- Equipment will be disinfected as required.

Transportation/Bussing

- Buses will be filled to normal capacity with masks suggested but not required.

Cleaning

- All common areas will be cleaned at least once a day per CDC protocols. All guests will use assigned bathrooms.

Gatherings

- Camp ELK will follow the most current Los Angeles County and state regulations regarding indoor and outdoor gatherings.

Water Bottles

- Each camper should bring their own reusable water bottle clearly labeled with the camper's name.

If you have any questions, please contact the camp office by phone at 760-249-3822 or by email campelk@ymcaoc.org.