



MASTA Camp COVID-19 Policies & Response Plan

The primary goal of these policies and response plan is to provide a safe environment for all MASTA Camp participants (campers and staff).

Using guidelines and recommendations for best practices from the Centers for Disease Control, the American Camp Association, Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, and local health professionals, MASTA has put in place policies and protocols for mitigation of spread of COVID-19 at the MASTA String Camps, including but not limited to heightened cleaning and disinfecting strategies, and adjustments in numerous facets of camp life and instruction to allow for physical distancing. **These protocols, as outlined below, may adjust as the season approaches, depending on any new mandates or guidelines for summer camps or if there is an outbreak while camp is in session.**

It is recommended by LARA, MDHHS, and the CDC that children should be up to date with current vaccination schedules to protect from vaccine-preventable infectious disease outbreaks, including influenza. All individuals 5 years of age and older are now eligible for the COVID-19 vaccine in every state.

COVID-19 Policies

1. All MASTA Camp staff members are required to be fully vaccinated at least 14 days prior to arrival at MASTA Camp.
2. All MASTA Camp participants are required to submit a complete, up-to-date vaccination/immunization record as a part of the camp health record.
3. All MASTA Camp participants must complete a health screening upon or prior to arrival at camp.
4. All MASTA Camp participants will be screened daily while at camp for symptoms.
5. The presence of any of the symptoms below generally suggests a child has an infectious illness and should not attend camp, regardless of whether the illness is COVID-19. For campers with chronic conditions, a positive screening should represent a change from their typical health status.
 - TEMPERATURE of 100 degrees Fahrenheit or higher
 - Sore throat
 - Cough (for campers with chronic cough to to allergies or asthma, a change in their cough from baseline)
 - Difficulty breathing (for children with asthma, a change from their baseline breathing)
 - Diarrhea or vomiting
 - New onset of severe headache, especially with a fever

6. Campers should also stay home if they:
 - Are in quarantine due to exposure to an individual with a confirmed case of COVID-19 or
 - Have other signs of illness described in camp's Health Services Policy.
7. Masking is optional for all MASTA Camp participants for inside activities.
8. MASTA Camp participants who show signs of respiratory illness, or who have been exposed to others, may be asked to wear a mask for indoor activities. All participants may be asked to wear a mask in certain settings depending on the presence of COVID-19 in our camp population.
9. Depending on the severity of symptoms, any participants who show symptoms of any illness may have to be picked up from camp and taken to seek appropriate medical care or to continue their treatment at home.

Employee Orientation and Training

MASTA Camp staff routinely complete a thorough application process, including a video interview, written recommendations, and background checks. Our COVID planning also includes orientation sessions focused on enhanced health and safety protocols, as well as adjustments in program, camp life, camper supervision and care, and facility maintenance. Professionalism, care, respect, flexibility, problem-solving, and accountability are the pillars of all MASTA Camp staff training. Our staff will be well-equipped to provide a safe, motivating, and positive camp experience for our campers.

Facilities

MASTA Camp is held at the Howell Nature Center and uses the facilities on the HNC's campus. Much of our campers' time will be spent outdoors, in open-air sites, or in enclosed sites, such as cabins, dining facilities, and a range of instructional and rehearsal spaces with plenty of window and HVAC systems. Additional cleaning and disinfecting protocols will be implemented on a routine basis within all facilities, including restrooms.

Camper Pre-Arrival, Check-in, and Pick-up

All essential documentation and communication relating to camper care and accommodations will take place prior to arrival so that MASTA Camp can employ a contactless drop-off during camper check-in. Upon arrival, campers will complete our health screening (including a temperature check), check in with the Camp Director and Health Director, then proceed to their assigned cabin where counseling staff will help them move in and meet their cabin mates. Parents will be requested to remain in their vehicles throughout the drop-off period. Recent adjustments in guidelines for summer camps now permit us to offer in-person final presentations. Camper check-out and performances will begin at the designated time for each session.

Travel To and From Camp

Those traveling prior to MASTA Camp are expected to follow current CDC guidelines. The CDC recently announced newly updated travel guidelines for vaccinated and unvaccinated travelers.

Regardless of travel plans, participants are expected to complete a daily symptom check for 7 days prior to arrival. We recommend that all participants plan to drive in a private vehicle to camp.

Daily Health & Safety Protocols

MASTA Camp will follow all requirements and best-practices for Coronavirus/COVID-19 mitigation and safe operation for summer camps, including the following strategies:

- Facilitate daily temperature and symptom checks for all campers and employees
Promote recommended hand-hygiene practices, including both washing and sanitizing,
- Implement stringent and frequent cleaning and sanitation procedures in all facilities
- Practice physical distancing and mask-wearing according to CDC and ACA guidelines for camps
- Enforce a closed campus, limiting visitors to essential personnel only

If accepted practices for camps change as the season approaches, MASTA Camp may adjust these protocols as deemed safe and appropriate.

Vaccinated Versus Non-Vaccinated Status

For purposes of COVID response, MASTA Camp will not distinguish between vaccinated and unvaccinated participants. Participants are not required to mask either inside, or outside. If a participant exhibits symptoms of an illness they will be required to mask and will be assessed by the Health Director.

Program Adjustments and Considerations

MASTA Camp has made some adjustments to camp operations with a focus on mitigation. Campers can still expect a day packed with instruction, camp activities, supervised free-time, and evening events. Students' housing will be assigned based upon their gender and grade level.

Campers will eat with their cabin mates and counselor. Campers will be expected to wash and sanitize hands before and after meals, and all tables, chairs, and the rest of the facility will be cleaned thoroughly between meals. Our dining and menu plans are evolving and we will be able to provide more detailed menu information closer to the time of camp. Given the nature of the required changes to our food service, we encourage campers with food allergies and/or other significant dietary restrictions to contact our Program Director at mastacamps@gmail.com for more information and make sure to indicate food restrictions when registering.

Cabin Life

A camper's housing will be assigned based upon their gender and grade level. Cabins have windows and HVAC systems that circulate air. Students will have a designated space for personal storage within the cabin, and will share responsibility in maintaining their own space and contributing to cabin cleanliness.

Recreation, Rest, and Free Time

As a part of MASTA Camp's typical camp schedule, students have daily opportunities for recreation, rest, and free time. Adjustments to these are not necessary as they are either already in small groups or are outside activities. If weather does not permit our regular recreation activities campers will participate in indoor activities with their cabin.

Visiting Camp

MASTA Camp does not allow outside visitors while camp is in session. In years past allowances have been made for campers to attend religious services off-campus per family request, however due to our COVID protocols this is not a practice that will be allowed this year.

MASTA Camp will continue to offer performances on the final day of camp but will be limiting the number of attendees to immediate family only. All guests attending the final performance on Check-Out day will complete a COVID Screener and have a temperature check. All guests must also wear a mask during all performance events and at Check-Out.

Protocol for COVID-19 Symptoms or Positive Test

MASTA Camp's protocol for managing COVID-19 follows the camp's existing health service policy for all highly contagious diseases. If an individual has a fever or exhibits any symptoms of COVID-19, they will be immediately isolated, their parent/guardian will be contacted immediately, and the individual will be tested for COVID-19 using a rapid test. If the test is positive, the individual will remain isolated at MASTA Camp until arrangements can be made for them to be picked up and continue isolation and/or seek treatment at home or off-site. If the test is negative their symptoms will be monitored and a decision will be made in consultation with their parent/guardian whether outside treatment is required or if they need to go home.

Parents/guardians will be notified if someone in their child's cabin has tested positive for COVID-19 or if they have been in close contact with someone who has tested positive, within the limits of HIPAA compliance. Vaccinated individuals are not required to quarantine after exposure. Non-vaccinated individuals would have to follow the recommended quarantine protocols outlined by the CDC which may prohibit that student from remaining at camp.

Individuals Considered "High-Risk" for COVID-19 or with Other Health Concerns

If participating in a camp experience at a time when COVID-19 remains a factor and raises significant questions relating to your health, we suggest saving your MASTA Camp experience for a future summer. We strongly caution against any activity that may put your health at risk. If you would like more information on camp in relation to your health concern, please contact the MASTA Camp Program Director at mastacamps@gmail.com. All participants will be expected to endorse an assumption of risk and waiver of liability as a part of the enrollment process.

Communications from MASTA Camp

MASTA Camp's administrative team is committed to clear and transparent communication with our camp community. MASTA Camp families, employees, and other stakeholders will receive

regular communications from the administrative team relating to COVID planning, as warranted. MASTA Camp uses a variety of methods to communicate with our community depending on the circumstances. Notifications for families may arrive via email, messages through our registration platform, website updates, social media, and/or emergency text message notifications.

Campers are not permitted to have cell phones while in residence.