

# Summer Camp Guidance for COVID-19

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OF HEALTH SERVICES

This guidance outlines recommendations for summer camp and summer childcare institutions to prepare for and respond to community spread of COVID-19 based on CDC's K-12 [Operational Strategy](#). These places play a critical role in promoting equity and improving resilience. All organizations are encouraged to partner with their [local health department](#) to receive the most up-to-date guidance. [Overnight camp guidance](#) has recently been issued by the CDC to assist locations offering this service.

## Everyday Strategies

Organizations supervising children should use and layer mitigation strategies. The following **key mitigation strategies** are strongly recommended:

- Staying “[Up To Date](#)” on Vaccinations,
- Universal and correct use of masks indoors when [community levels](#) of COVID-19 are *high*,
- Handwashing and respiratory etiquette,
- Cleaning and maintaining health facilities,
- Diagnostic Testing for identification of COVID-19 in symptomatic or exposed individuals, and
- Screening Testing for monitoring and identification of COVID-19 when community levels are *medium* or *high*.

## Staying Up To Date on Vaccinations

CDC [recommends](#) COVID-19 vaccines, including boosters, for everyone ages 5 years and older. All individuals ages 5 through 17 years should get a COVID-19 booster five months after the final dose in the primary series. A safe and effective vaccine is a critical component of the U.S. strategy to stop the spread of COVID-19 and reduce COVID-19 related hospitalizations and deaths.

The Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS) has hosted COVID-19 town halls to provide further information about vaccination and to answer citizen's questions. Visit the [town hall page](#) to view upcoming town halls and view videos of previous town halls, along with questions and answers.

## COVID-19 Community Levels and Associated Prevention Strategies

CDC's COVID-19 Community Levels help communities and individuals make decisions on what COVID-19 prevention strategies to use based on whether their community is classified as low, medium, or high. COVID-19 Community Levels affect childcare programs the same as other settings in their community. These programs should follow [guidance](#) based on the COVID-19 Community Level of the community in which they are located. Risk is dependent on community level transmission **and** implementation of community mitigation strategies.



## Sun Safety and Other Health Information

Children and adolescents should be encouraged to bring reusable water bottles to maintain hydration. For outdoor camps, [sun safety practices](#) are important to integrate, as more than 300 days of sunshine are experienced annually in Arizona. For more health information about kids, please download the free [ADHS Healthy Kids AZ app](#).