



## COVID- 19 Parent Communication – 1<sup>st</sup> Term 2022

Dear Camp Parents/Guardians,

Blue Mountain Ranch First Term 2022 is finally here! We are grateful that you are joining us for a camp experience like no other and look forward to providing your camper(s) a memorable experience. To ensure the safety of your camper(s) and Blue Mountain Ranch staff, we will be utilizing a few safety measures in alignment with public health guidance and requirements from the State of Colorado Department of Public Health (CDPHE), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and the American Camp Association (ACA) for the 2022 camp season. We request that you and your camper(s) read and review the following information in detail.

**Before arriving at camp and/or on your way to camp**, Blue Mountain Ranch recommends campers and camp families monitor your camper(s) for COVID-19 symptoms and exposures starting June 6<sup>th</sup>.

As recommended by the CPDHE, Blue Mountain Ranch asks that you show documentation of one of the following upon arrival: 1) proof of [full vaccination](#) (completion of the [primary series](#)), 2) a negative COVID-19 diagnostic test administered within 72 hours of arrival (**A PCR or rapid antigen test is accepted; documentation of negative test is required**), or 3) record of a previous COVID-19 infection within 90 days of arrival.

**If your camper(s) receives a positive result, please contact the camp as soon as possible. If your camper experiences an exposure prior to camp and will use testing to end quarantine prior to attending camp, please contact the camp to receive further instruction prior to the first day of camp.**

As shared by the CDC, state public health departments and other medical experts, the most important step campers can take to protect themselves against COVID-19 is to become vaccinated if eligible. Our staff has been required to get vaccinated to ensure a safe and fun camp experience for your camper. If you have questions about the effectiveness and safety profile of the COVID-19 vaccine or COVID-19 vaccine eligibility, please contact your trusted health care provider. To ensure that our camp avoids large outbreaks and camp closures, we recommend vaccination as an important step in preventing COVID-19.

### **Arriving at camp:**

When you drop off your camper at the office, all paper work will be collected and reviewed. Including a consent for COVID-19 testing and safety measures (also included in this communication). Campers will be screened by our camp nursing staff. This year, parents or family can drop off luggage and personal items into the cabins. Masking is not required, but if you prefer your camper have masks on hand, please pack at your discretion. Please note that the camp will have masks if required to be used during sessions.

### **During Camp (CAMP PROGRAMMING, TRIPS, AND ACTIVITIES IN 2022)**

Blue Mountain Ranch will decide when and under what conditions any programming or activity changes will be made using medical advice and our best judgment, while continuing to prioritize the health and well-being of our campers and staff.





Our off camp excursions may occur this summer. The decision to take the kids off site will be based upon review of county infection rates and determinations made by the Blue Mountain Ranch directors.

COVID-19 mitigation strategies this year may involve small cohorts at the start of camp, prioritizing outdoor activities, ensuring well-ventilated spaces for group gatherings, and enhanced cleaning and hygiene protocols throughout the camp session.

Additionally, we will still require symptom checks at the start of each camp day. Blue Mountain Camp will have additional hand sanitizing stations for every activity/program and encourage frequent hand washing.

As with any illness, any staff or campers who present with COVID-like symptoms at any point during the summer will be separated from other campers, and may be subject to additional testing per our COVID-19 mitigation plan.

All confirmed cases require that Blue Mountain Ranch Summer Camp notify Park County Public Health and the State of Colorado Public Health Department within 4 hours.

When a camper or staff member tests positive for COVID at camp, that individual will be separated from their cabin cohort, and placed in supported isolation on-site but out of the immediate camp community. Parents will be notified and a plan will be determined as to next steps in regards to isolation or quarantine measures. Blue Mountain Ranch directors and camp nursing staff will seek medical guidance or treatment as necessary.

If a parent or guardian wants to pick up their camper(s) due to a positive test result or quarantine/isolation procedures, county and state public health regulations may require special arrangements for travel or housing. Blue Mountain Ranch staff or directors will provide necessary information and work in conjunction with the parent(s)/guardian(s) if leaving camp is requested or becomes necessary.

Blue Mountain Ranch will provide a partial refund based upon the numbers of days attended, and may also be able to move enrollment in another session. Please discuss this with the Blue Mountain Ranch camp directors.

When applicable, Blue Mountain Ranch directors and camp nursing staff will engage in contract tracing and additional ongoing testing within his/her cabin cohort per medical guidelines. If quarantines or use of other mitigation strategies are implemented, parents will be notified.

For additional information in regards to the Blue Mountain Ranch COVID-19 mitigation plans, please check our website, [www.bluemountainranch.com](http://www.bluemountainranch.com)

Thank you for helping keep our campers and staff safe this summer!

**All our best,**

**The Blue Mountain Ranch Summer Camp Family**

