

Metropolitan Chinese Culture Camp

COVID-19 Protocols 2022

We are looking forward to a great camp week! While we believe that we are moving in a direction that will bring us closer to the end of the pandemic, our work is not yet complete. With this in mind, we will be operating our camp utilizing a few additional safety protocols this year. We have put together a list of COVID-19 Protocols to give information to families regarding the way things will run this summer.

We will need every camper/staff/volunteer to be tested within 72 hours of arrival at camp, and to show a negative PCR test result upon arrival at the camp on 8/7/2022. On Check-in Day, we will also need all campers/staff/volunteers to take a rapid antigen test before we can accept them into the camp.

PARTNERING WITH A2Z DIAGNOSTICS FOR 2022 TESTING

To make things easy and convenient for everyone, we are working together with a company called A2Z Diagnostics for all of our testing. This includes the PCR test (within 72 hours of arriving at camp) and testing on Check-in Day. Here is how we will be working together:

1. Every camp family will have to join a testing portal. Here is the link to the portal:

<https://patientxchange.io/patientmanagement?testguid=731AAB8AA053471>

All campers/staff/volunteers must pre-register in this portal. For all families here in the states, A2Z Diagnostics will collect your health insurance information for pre-camp and on Check-in Day. Your policy will cover all testing. If your insurance company creates difficulty for covering the testing, A2Z Diagnostics will jump in and cover the testing costs for you.

2. A2Z Diagnostics will be available in the New York tri-state area for any testing. They can provide your child with a PCR test (starting on 8/4/2022), and a rapid antigen test at camp on Check-In Day, 8/7/2022.

3. We have requested that A2Z set up two mobile stations in New Jersey - one in Paramus and one in Livingston. Both locations will perform testing on Thursday, 8/4 and Friday, 8/5, from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm. This service is for all campers/staff/volunteers to take their PCR test. Testing location addresses will be announced a week before camp starts. They guarantee that you will get your result by Sat.

4. Anyone living in the NYC area should please contact Jason Gross jgross@a2zdx.com to make arrangements for the PCR test. They have mobile stations in Manhattan, Queens & Brooklyn.

5. For anyone who may want to get their PCR test done at facilities of their own choice, please still pre-register on the A2Z testing portal before coming to camp, because your child will still need to take the antigen rapid-test upon Check-in. This will speed up the testing process on Check-in Day.

Before Camp starts

- A. During the two weeks before camp, we ask that campers and their families not schedule any non-essential activities or participate in gatherings which could potentially risk exposure to COVID just prior to the camp week. (“Exposure” meaning in close contact with others. This means being less than six feet away from other people for a total of 15 minutes over a 24 hour period). Should your child be exposed to a COVID-infected individual at any point over the two weeks prior to Check-in Day, we ask that you have your child re-tested and contact us immediately to notify us of this exposure. This information may lead us to do an additional test or two for your child beyond the Check-in Day test. This information will be extremely helpful to us and to all the families whose children will be with us at camp this summer.
- B. If your child is found to be positive for COVID, he/she will need to remain at home for the camp season. Please email us immediately if your child has a positive test.
- C. For campers flying into the New York State area from outside locations (other states, countries, etc), we ask that you have your child tested and provide us with proof of a negative PCR test result. A “home test” done by your family is not an acceptable form of proof of a negative test.

PROGRAMMING IN GROUPS

Campers are divided into four different age groups, called “Bunks”. Each Bunk has one or two Leadership Program Camper(s) and one Counselor. Each Bunk will attend morning Chinese-culture classes separately. The campers will share the same cabin at night for sleeping.

In addition, each camper will be assigned to a camp “Group” with other children who are close to their own age, and two counselors will work within that Group. The two younger Bunks and

the two older Bunks will be in their own Group for afternoon activities (mostly outdoor) and for evening activities (indoor and outdoor).

Campers will be scheduled for their activities either by Bunk or by Group at camp. This will allow us to more easily perform a contact-trace should a case of COVID appear at camp. All camp Groups will have plenty of time to be outside and enjoy a variety of awesome Eagle Hill activities with their Group. We will make certain, as we move into each session, that there is plenty of time for socializing among the campers.

FORMING A “BUBBLE” AT CAMP

Our camp’s goal is to get as close to giving each camper the “MCCC” experience that children have known and loved for so many years. Within “Bunk” and “Group”, campers and staff will be able to interact with each other inside cabins, participate in all activities, eat meals together and more, without wearing masks.

Additional Precautions

Each camper will have his/her body-temperature checked twice daily. If anyone shows a high temperature, we will perform an antigen rapid-test at camp. If any child is found to be positive, we will ask the parent(s) to take that child home so that the child can be quarantined in a more comfortable environment.

If your child has shown symptoms over the past few days before arriving at camp, or if your child has been exposed to someone who tested positive for COVID just prior to camp, we will re-test them at camp, regardless of them providing a prior negative test report.