



CONCORDIA
LANGUAGE VILLAGES

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**COVID-19
PLAYBOOK**



A Summer 2022 rundown on COVID-19, the Villages and what we're doing to keep you and our staff safe while Living the Language.

INTRODUCTION

We all know that information surrounding COVID-19 is constantly evolving. As we continue to monitor updates from our local, regional and national governing bodies, we will update and adapt our practices. This playbook highlights what Concordia Language Villages is currently working towards for all on-site programs in 2022.

In our planning, we continue to use research from other camps, organizations and congregate living operations to design the most realistic and targeted risk mitigation strategies. However, it is important to note that despite the best practices that exist, there is **no guarantee** that COVID-19 will not enter the Villages.

Similar protocols were in place last summer, meaning returning staff are have already been trained and only need to receive updates, and a system is in place to bring new staff into the fold quickly. To help us all work together on the same page, we ask that individuals or families sending their children to the Villages review this playbook prior to registration and arrival. Reach out to our Health and Wellness team members or our COVID-19 Response team with any questions, concerns, or comments.

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KNOWN AND PROBABLE RISK FACTORS FOR SEVERE COVID-19 ILLNESS

The [CDC](#) and other establishments have determined that children with certain conditions might be at increased risk for severe COVID-19 illness. If any participant is considered high risk, we highly recommend they consult with their medical provider to assess the risk of attending a residential program. Our Health and Wellness team is also available to help assist you in thinking through what living in a residential program may mean for you or your child.

COVID-19 SYMPTOMS

Potential COVID-related symptoms include:

- Fever or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

It is expected that all participants and staff arrive healthy and free from **any** communicable disease. Participants demonstrating any of the above symptoms upon arrival will not be allowed into the programs unless they have a physicians note indicating why they have particular symptoms.

While we never want to cut short a Village experience, **if a villager tests positive for COVID-19 while at camp, they are required to leave** and isolate for 10 days. Under certain circumstances, and with permission of the Village dean and Health and Wellness, they may be allowed to return to the Village after their isolation period.

BEFORE CAMP

In order to decrease the chances of your child being sent home, we ask families to partner with us and follow the pre-arrival guidelines on the next page.



COVID-19 VACCINE

COVID-19 vaccines available in the United States effectively protect people from getting seriously ill, getting hospitalized and even dying. In September 2021, Concordia Language Villages instituted a **vaccine requirement for all eligible staff and participants**. For participants in a congregate living setting, vaccines play a critical part in reducing the spread of communicable diseases, therefore **we will not** be accepting religious or medical exemptions.

We will follow the [CDC's recommendations](#) on what it means to be up-to-date on the vaccine. Currently, this means:

- Two weeks after the final dose in a primary series (Pfizer or Moderna)
 - Everyone 12 and older should have a vaccine booster
 - Youth ages 12-17 are recommended to get a Pfizer booster
 - Adults 18 and older can get a Pfizer or Moderna booster
- Two weeks after the first dose (Johnson & Johnson's Janssen)
 - Everyone 18 or older should get a booster five months after the primary series

For participants vaccinated outside the U.S., any vaccine must be found on the current list of [WHO authorized vaccines](#).

COVID-19 TESTING

While vaccination helps to prevent severe illness, hospitalization or death, we know that even vaccinated individuals can still get and spread COVID. To decrease the chances of COVID arriving at camp and to decrease the risk of having to send your child home, we will **require proof of a negative COVID test for ALL individuals** within one to three days before arriving at camp.

Molecular or PCR tests are the most accurate at detecting an asymptomatic infection and therefore are the preferred test. If testing is limited in your area, or if test return times are long, we will accept results from rapid antigen tests. Please remember, however, that if your child tests positive for COVID at camp, they are required to go home. Sourcing out the most accurate test prior to camp decreases the risk of your child having to leave.

Participants who have had COVID-19 in the 90 days prior to the start of their session may submit proof of infection in lieu of a negative test result.

SELF-MONITORING

All participants and staff should self-monitor their health for two weeks prior to arriving at the Villages. During this period, we also suggest limiting non-essential travel and avoiding large events. If these are unavoidable, we recommend wearing appropriate facial coverings. Should any symptoms of COVID present, participants should seek COVID testing and a note from their care provider.

HEALTH FORMS

Before participants arrive for their program we will collect health and dietary information. We use CampDoc, a secure, encrypted, password-protected program to assist us in gathering relevant information. In order to ensure health information is the most up-to-date, CampDoc forms should only be completed in the month prior to camp. Please see our [CampDoc](#) webpage for more information on this process.

Vaccination and test results will be uploaded into a participants CampDoc record.



TRAVELING TO CAMP

With villagers coming from all over the country, we know that keeping travel to a nice family car ride is out of the question for most who join us on-site. Below we've laid out ways to keep your child safe as well as what to do in the event of a COVID exposure while at camp.

CONTINGENCY TRAVEL PLAN

In the event a villager contracts COVID-19 while at camp, they will be required to leave and complete 10 days of isolation. To prepare for this possibility, all families should prepare and submit an actionable travel contingency plan with their CampDoc forms. This plan should not include air travel or other mass transit for the COVID-positive individual. In addition, please keep in mind potential exposure to any high-risk family members.

TRAVEL TO CAMP

Traveling via mass transit presents a window of potential exposure to the SARS-CoV-2 virus. We, therefore, encourage participants to utilize private transportation whenever possible.

A large percentage of our participants do travel from other parts of the country or world requiring them to take public transportation. For these individuals, we require that you follow [safe travel practices](#) including everyday preventative health practices and the use of well-fitting [facial coverings](#). Also, be sure to check international and national travel requirements before traveling.

ARRIVAL AT CAMP

Each Village will welcome families into designated area(s) of their Village. This will look different in each Village, but will be clearly marked and will not include cabins. Village staff will assist participants through the check-in process and to their specific cabins. Masks should be worn by all. A similar process will occur on closing day.

HEALTH CHECK-INS

For all participants arriving on-site, we will conduct temperature screenings and ask communicable disease screening questions. If anyone arrives without a negative test, verification of full vaccination or with symptoms associated with a COVID-19 infection, we will not be able to allow them on-site. We completely understand how disappointing this may be for some participants. However, for the safety of our entire community, meeting admission criteria into the Village is critical.

If your child has medications or any chronic health conditions or mental, social or emotional health diagnosis, they will be directed to the health office where they will briefly meet with the nurse. As parents will not be going to the health centers, we highly encourage you to reach out to partner with our Health and Wellness team prior to registration to ensure the suitability of camp and to help us provide the best possible Village experience. You will also have the opportunity to detail health issues in the CampDoc health profile.

If you would like to discuss health-related issues with the Village nurse or provider, email or call the health center to set up a time to meet. **Please note:** our health centers are extremely busy on opening day and will likely only be available to meet individually a day or two after camp has started.



DURING CAMP

We do not yet know what summer 2022 will be like locally, nationally or globally. We will remain attuned to the situation and may adjust protocols if needed. Until further notice, our expectations during camp are:

OUTDOORS

As part of our main mitigation strategy, we will modify our programs to be outdoors as much as possible. This means that we will eat and hold activities and classes outdoors whenever possible. So please think about Minnesota weather and insects and pack accordingly!

CLEANING, HANDWASHING & SANITIZATION PROCEDURES

Handwashing and hand sanitizer will be located conveniently throughout the Village, including near restrooms, eating areas and cabin entrances. Participants will be expected to wash their hands prior to all meals. Doorknobs, handles and other high-touch surfaces will be wiped with antibacterial spray frequently.

MASK WEARING POLICY

In order to contain possible exposure and spread of COVID-19 we are requiring face masks that cover both the nose and mouth to be worn when villagers and staff are sharing space indoors.

Masks **will NOT** be required while villagers and/or staff are:

- Inside their assigned cabin
- Showering
- Eating
- Participating in waterfront activities
- Outdoors

COVID TESTING & ISOLATION

If a villager or a staff member begins to exhibit symptoms of COVID-19, they will immediately be isolated and tested. We will be using an on-site rapid molecular test.

If the test returns positive, the emergency contact will be immediately notified and required to enact their travel contingency arrangements. The villager will then be escorted to our designated isolation center, where they will be cared for by our health staff until they are picked up. Contact tracing within the Village will begin, and close contacts may be required to use enhanced mitigation practices until they can be tested.

AFTER CAMP

We ask that any participant who tests positive within 10 days of returning from our program contact our Health and Wellness team so we may notify potentially exposed staff and participants. Additionally, as villagers and staff return home to family and friends, we strongly recommend that they limit their interactions for two weeks with anyone considered at high risk for severe COVID-illness.



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