



Fall 2021 COVID Planning UW-Madison Policy for Youth Activities

As we look ahead to the Fall 2021 semester, we must consider how to keep youth safe while visiting our campus as well as how we can mitigate the potential transmission of Covid-19.

Single day in-person youth activities and programs on the UW-Madison campus can resume on or after Wednesday, September 8 (the first day of the fall semester). Multi-day programs occurring on consecutive days and overnight programs remain prohibited at least through October. All programs must follow the guidance below, keeping in mind that vaccines are currently not available for youth under the age of 12.

Vaccinations

- Vaccinations are the greatest defense against the spread of Covid-19 and we encourage all guests who are 12 and over visiting our campuses to get vaccinated.
- Staff of programs offered on campus who do not have a vaccination record on file with UHS are required to be tested weekly for Covid-19 according to campus requirements.

Masking

- In alignment with current campus policy, all youth participating in on-campus programs as well as staff serving them must wear a mask indoors, while on the UW-Madison campus or in any of its facilities, regardless of vaccination status.
- In alignment with CDC guidance, all youth under age 12 and staff serving youth under age 12, regardless of vaccination status, must also wear a mask outdoors.
- If youth are participating in a sporting event indoors, regardless of age, a mask is not required while engaged in the activity, although masks must be worn while the participant is on the sidelines.

Single-Day Program Requirements

- All activities involving youth must be registered with the UW-Madison Office of Youth Protection and Compliance (OYPC) to ensure compliance and oversight with Covid-19 mitigation protocols.
- Covid-19 testing of youth participating in programs is not required for single-day activities.
- All participants must be screened for symptoms prior to start of the activity. Screening guidance can be found in the *Fall 2021 Youth Screening and Program Logistic Guidance COVID* document.
- Participation is not allowed for those currently experiencing symptoms of COVID-19, in quarantine, or in isolation.

- Participant must report to the given program’s Program Director any positive molecular (e.g., PCR) or antigen COVID-19 test results if received within three days of the beginning or end of the program.

Multi Day and Overnight Programs

- In-person multi-day activities and overnight programs for youth are not permitted at least through October 31, 2021.

Dual Enrolled/ Early College Credit Students

- Dual Enrolled/Early College Credit students fall under the matriculated student protocols rather than youth/precollege programming.
- All parents/guardians of Dual Enrolled /Early College Credit students must sign a COVID-19 Acknowledgement Form and be informed of the campus requirements for participation.

Minor Employees

- Minors employed by the institution fall under the university’s employee COVID-19 policy.