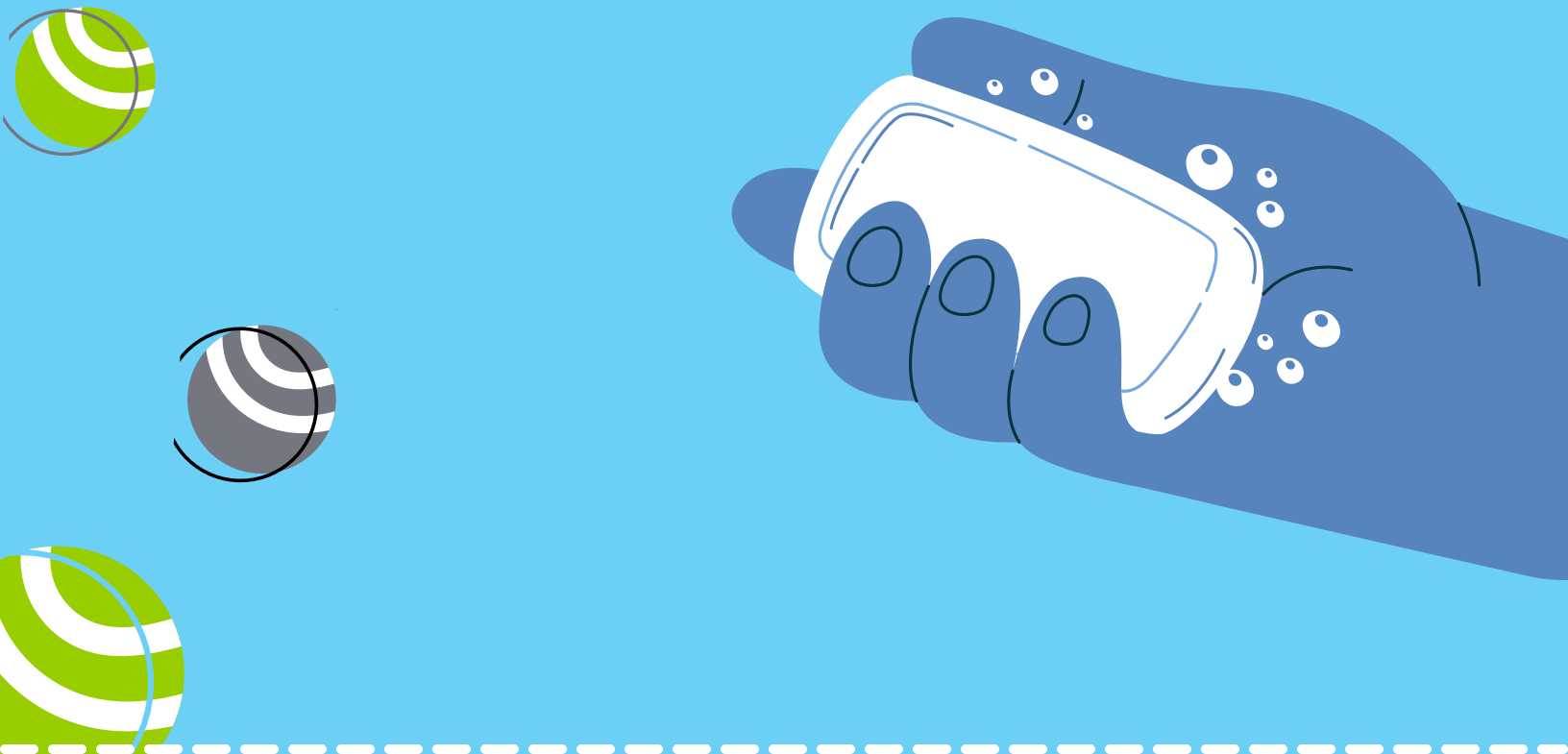


# COVID-19 GUIDELINES



# INTRODUCTION

Legacy International's Global Youth Village team understands that information regarding COVID-19 is constantly developing. We are closely monitoring updates and evolving our methods of safety for our participants and staff as these changes and best practices emerge. This guidebook introduces what Global Youth Village is currently proposing for its 2021 summer residential camp in Bedford, Virginia.

We recognize that the widespread global vaccination is anticipated to take most of 2021. In light of this, we have been developing plans to prevent the spread of COVID-19 to the best of our ability for participants and staff. To ensure the safety of everyone, we will also be requiring pre-arrival testing, as well as conducting screening tests while at GYV. As vaccinations become more widely available, we will be asking as many as possible to come to camp vaccinated. It is important to note that while many residential camps in 2020 operated successfully with no COVID cases, there is no way to completely guarantee COVID-19 will not enter our Village. However we are implementing all the safe practices using multiple layered non-pharmaceutical interventions (NPIs), rapid detection, and targeted isolation to reduce the likelihood of the virus from spreading.

Our staff is trained, prepared and will continue to be updated on COVID guidelines and protocols. We ask that families, youth and summer staff review this handbook prior to arrival. (Further details will be provided upon registration or hiring.)

Any questions, concerns, or comments can be brought to our Health & Wellness Response Team. Thank you.



# COVID-19 BASICS

All of us have learned a great deal about communicable disease spread and risk factors in the last year. Below are a few highlights to remember when considering a residential camp experience.

## RISK FACTORS FOR SEVERE COVID-19 ILLNESS

Legacy knows from CDC's research and other authoritative sources that adults and teens with certain conditions may be at increased risk for severe illness if exposed to COVID. If your teenager (or you, as a potential staff person) fits into any of the high risk categories listed below, please discuss the advisability of participating with your physician.

Conditions associated as high risk or severe COVID-19 infections include (but are not limited to):

- Asthma and other chronic lung diseases
- Obesity
- Diabetes
- Medical complexity including:
  - Severe genetic and neurologic disorders
  - Inherited metabolic disorders
  - Congenital heart disease
- Immunosuppression due to malignancy or immune-weakening medications
- Chronic, lung, kidney, liver, heart and blood conditions

# BEFORE ARRIVAL...

Per our usual procedures, the Global Youth Village collects current health, health history, and dietary information before arrival on the Virginia campus. These forms and web links will be provided.

## PRE-SCREENING & SELF QUARANTINE

THIS WILL TAKE TWO FORMS:

1) All staff and participants are being asked to limit one's contact ("self-quarantine") for 14 days prior to arriving at the Global Youth Village regardless of whether you have been vaccinated or not. That means no non-essential travel or contact with others outside your immediate household unless absolutely necessary. We also ask that other members of your household wear masks when outside of the home, in addition to social distancing and following good hand hygiene practices.

This winter and spring, with parents working outside of home and youth re-engaging more in school, activities and other events, people's exposure risks are increasing. This makes this self-limited period of interaction with others even more important going into this summer's camp season than it was in 2020!

As part of this, please self-screen for COVID symptoms each day using the form we will provide you with to log daily temperature and symptoms. This will be reviewed by our health staff.

2) Staff and participants may be contacted by our Health & Wellness team to ask about any symptoms and possible recent exposures. If you should be exposed to someone who is suspected of having COVID or test positive for COVID within 14-days of arrival, please contact our health team. You may be asked to delay your arrival.

## VACCINES

For International Youth & Staff: In collaboration with international partners in participating countries, Legacy will be monitoring vaccine distribution to determine if vaccines prior to travel are accessible to you. If you can get vaccinated, please make every effort to do so and send us proof of vaccination. Ideally, this should be completed at least 14 days prior to departing for the Village. We accept any vaccine approved by the participant's Health Ministry will suffice.

For US-Based Youth & Staff: We recognize that the COVID vaccine's availability varies widely by location and may not be available to you before arrival at GYV. If you can get it, please make every effort to do so and send us proof of vaccination. Any US approved vaccines will suffice. Ideally, this should be completed at least 14 days prior to departing for the Village.

## PRE-ARRIVAL TESTING

Regardless of whether you have been vaccinated or not, all participants and staff are required to take a COVID test 3-5 days before departure for GYV and submit the results of this test to GYV before arrival. **PLEASE NOTE:** Only participants and staff who can show a negative test will be allowed into the Village.

Should you be flying to camp from outside the US, the test you get to satisfy airline requirements will suffice for us. Please see below.

## **INTERNATIONAL AIR TRAVEL to the GLOBAL YOUTH VILLAGE**

If you have plans to fly into the US, you must:

1) Get tested for COVID-19 no more than 3 days before departing to the US and show a negative test result to the airline before boarding.

OR

2) Show documentation of recent recovery from COVID-19 to the airline before boarding. Acceptable documentation of recovery includes both a positive viral test result within 3 months of travel (or the time period specified in current CDC guidance) AND a letter from a healthcare provider or public health official stating that the passenger is cleared to end isolation.

This new order applies to all air passengers. It also applies regardless of the length of time spent outside of the US, and regardless of receiving the vaccine or not. Passengers who have tested positive for COVID-19 will need to delay travel until they meet the criteria to end isolation.

## **US DOMESTIC AIR TRAVEL**

At the time of writing this handbook, we are not aware of domestic airlines requiring passengers to show a negative COVID test. This may change based on community transmission. Please be sure to check with your airlines when booking. The test you get to attend GYV can also be used for the airlines.

## **CONTINGENCY TRAVEL PLANS**

For US Based Youth & Staff: We will work with you to develop an actionable plan for returning home safely in the event you are exposed to COVID or have the COVID infection.

# CAMP PROCEDURES

## TESTING WHILE AT THE GLOBAL YOUTH VILLAGE

Due to the potential exposure while traveling, the Global Youth Village's Health & Wellness Team will conduct testing of the entire Village approximately 3-5 days after arrival. This will hopefully catch anyone who is symptom free yet positive since their last test was done in their home country.

Anyone with symptoms is tested immediately and quarantined until COVID test results are confirmed.

## DAILY MONITORING

Temperature and symptom checks will be conducted once a day for all staff and participants.

## HOUSING, MEALS & LAUNDRY

The Global Youth Village will utilize a "bubble" living style for our participants and summer staff. Your COVID-19 bubble is the select few participants and staff you can socialize with and enjoy a meal with, mask-free. The most important rule is no one can socialize in-person with anyone outside the bubble, without face masks.

When GYV utilizes hotels in the Washington D.C. area prior to or after camp, we will provide room options that enable participants to limit contact with people outside our group, reserving room blocks to limit exposure with other hotel guests. We will also provide catering group meals in a meeting space or outdoor space where each bubble can eat at intervals.

Laundry will be done once a week by a trusted provider who has served our camp's needs for many years.

## QUARANTINE

Separate quarantine housing will be available for anyone who tests positive for COVID. Those individuals who share a bubble with the participant who tests positive will also need to quarantine, but will be able to remain in their current cabins adhering to a strict quarantine for 10-14 days. This will mean your participation in GYV activities will be altered.

For International Youth & Staff: In anticipation of quarantine requirements upon returning home, the Global Youth Village, in consultation with international partners, will investigate quarantine procedures in place by a country (i.e. quarantine hotels or self isolation at home). Any additional quarantining costs upon return home are at the expense of the participant's family or the international staff person.

## AGREEMENTS

The 2021 Global Youth Village will need all staff and participants' efforts to ensure the safety of ourselves and one another. Small groups (bubbles), within the program, that commit to each other's health can be a fundamental tool in fighting both the spread of COVID-19 and the quarantine blues.

Everyone in your bubble needs to follow these rules to make sure the bubbles stay as effective as possible:

- Don't socialize with anyone outside the bubble, especially indoors. Wearing a mask helps, but there is no zero-risk with people outside your bubble, especially indoors.
- Wear a mask around anyone outside your bubble if you're outdoors.
- Always wear a mask in public. Whether you are outdoors or indoors, you have to have a mask on when you are in a group that includes even just one person who is not part of your bubble.