

AMC Ponkapoag Camp
COVID-19 reopening guidelines
September 22, 2020
Revised January 4, 2021

NOTES:

- **COVID-19-related rules apply to all members, all ages, of all groups**
- **All other existing campground rules are still in effect: <https://ponkapoagcamp.org/rules/>**

Health Considerations

1. States of origin
 - a. All campers must not have travelled outside the approved 'lower risk states' as defined in the current MA travel guidelines in the past fourteen days ([Link](#)).
2. Mode of transportation
 - a. All campers must have not travelled via interstate public transportation in the two weeks immediately prior to their stay.
 - b. Recent use of local public transportation is not an issue. This includes MBTA services and commuter rail.
3. All campers must respond "No" to the Reopening MA Phase 3 questions below on the day of their arrival at camp.
 - a. Have you exhibited any COVID-related symptoms in the past fourteen days?
 - b. Have you had close contact in the past fourteen days with anyone actively experiencing COVID symptoms?
 - c. Are you currently under a quarantine or stay-at-home order?
4. Development of symptoms
 - a. If a camper feels sick and/or develops symptoms while at camp
 - i. They must notify manager immediately
 - ii. They must depart camp as soon as possible
 - iii. All campers who stayed in the same cabin as the sick camper or who at any point came in close contact with the sick camper must also depart camp as soon as possible
 - b. COVID-19 symptoms can be found on the [CDC website](#)

Reservation details

1. Campers should review AMC's COVID-19 Guest Information for Reservation Confirmations before arriving
 - a. <https://www.outdoors.org/policies-covid>
2. Every camper must be listed on the reservation form
 - a. No one who is not listed on the reservation form will be allowed to stay at camp
 - b. Visitors are not allowed
 - c. This rule does not include hikers passing through camp
3. Cabin limits
 - a. Each cabin may hold a maximum of one single family or co-habiting group
 - b. A co-habiting group can include roommates, family members, etc.
4. Tent sites are closed
5. Timelines
 - a. Only weekend reservations will be allowed, running Friday to Sunday
 - b. On holiday weekends reservations will run Friday to Monday

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- i. Columbus Day – October 9-12, 2020
 - ii. Martin Luther King, Jr Day – January 15-18, 2021
 - iii. Presidents’ Day – February 12-15, 2021
 - iv. Patriots’ Day – April 16-19, 2021
 - v. Memorial Day – May 28-31, 2021
- c. Extended stays will be permitted for Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Years
- i. Thanksgiving – November 25-29, 2020
 - ii. Christmas – December 24-27, 2020
 - iii. New Years – December 31, 2020 - January 3, 2021

Protocols – Cabin

1. Cabins are sanitized between campers in accordance with AMC and Reopening MA requirements
2. Hand sanitizer and basic cleaning supplies are provided by camp
3. During stay
 - a. No one shall enter a cabin that is not their own
 - b. Campers should not share food with anyone that is not in their group
 - c. No Ponkapoag representatives will enter the cabin during the stay, except in case of emergency
4. Post-departure
 - a. Any camper who develops symptoms within seven (7) days of departing camp must notify the manager immediately

Protocols – Site

1. Per MA campground requirements: <https://www.mass.gov/doc/workplace-safety-and-reopening-standards-for-campgrounds-phase-iii-step-1/download>
2. Social Distancing
 - a. Social distancing includes staying 6 feet or more away from others
 - b. Campers should socially distance themselves from other campers when at all possible
 - c. Campers who are staying in the same cabin are not required to social distance from each other
3. Mask requirements
 - a. All campers must wear their mask **at all times**, except when in their cabin, at their picnic table, or at their cabin’s firepit
 - b. All campers must keep a mask on their person at all times for use as needed
 - c. Masks must cover **both mouth and nose** at all times when in use
 - d. Masks are required when using the outhouse
4. Waterfront distancing
 - a. Swimming is not permitted. No swimming signs are posted.
 - b. No more than one group should be on the dock at one time
 - c. No more than one group should be on the bench/steps near the dock at one time
5. Other public spaces
 - a. No more than one group should ever share a picnic table, especially when someone is eating
 - b. Groups should maintain 6 feet or more of distance if in the same general area

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Protocols – Restrooms

1. Ponkapoag's facilities are single-occupant
 - a. Only one family group may be in the outhouse at any one time
 - b. Anyone waiting to use the outhouse must wait outside and maintain adequate social distance from other guests in line
 - c. Children under 13 must be accompanied by an adult
2. Campers should wear a mask the entire time they are using the facilities
3. Campers should sanitize hands immediately after using the facilities
 - a. Camp will provide sanitizer
4. Outhouses will be sanitized in accordance with AMC and Reopening MA requirements

Revisions:

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- Original issue date

1/4/2021

- Mask requirements updated

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I have read and understood the COVID-19 rules detailed above and I agree that I will abide by them. Failure to abide by the rules endangers my health and the health of other campers, and is grounds for me to be asked to leave camp immediately, with no refund available.

All campers age 18 and over must sign below.

Signature

Printed Name

Signature

Printed Name

Signature

Printed Name

Signature

Printed Name

Signature

Printed Name

Date

For Manager's use only:

Reservation Dates

Cabin