

Preventing Coronavirus and other communicable diseases on camp

Coronavirus should be prevented for the short and long term health of all campers as well as to avoid significant extra hassle and cost for international campers who need to test negative before travelling home.

Vaccination

While we encourage everyone attending Common Ground to get their Coronavirus Vaccinations where possible, there is no requirement to be vaccinated to attend Common Ground.

Testing - before camp

Everyone aged 6 or above attending Common Ground is required to take a Coronavirus test (Rapid/Lateral Flow or PCR) within 24 hours of leaving home for camp. If you test positive you cannot attend camp.

The only exception to this is if a participant is unable to take tests due to medical reasons or additional needs.

Testing on camp

- Anyone with symptoms will be asked to test (supported by a known adult if needed) - if they test negative but are still symptomatic they may be asked to isolate as a precaution and/or reduce contact with others, and take regular tests (provided centrally) to ensure they remain negative. Positive cases on camp to be notified via Joe Flannagan.
- Anyone who tests positive should quarantine.
- Any close contacts of those who test positive should take a test.

Quarantine on camp

A small Quarantine Village will be set up for those who test positive and wish to remain in camp.

Those in quarantine will need to remain in quarantine until they test negative.

Anyone who is released from quarantine after testing negative will need to wear a mask in all indoor spaces for the rest of camp.

If more than 5 members of a village test positive for Covid that village will be put into quarantine.

Care and sensitivity is required when young children test positive for Covid. Each case will be assessed individually and in some cases children will be allowed to quarantine within villages, using sensible precautions, where this is clearly in the best interest of the child.

Quarantine after camp

Common Ground has the site until the 10th of August and will then secure accommodation for up to 6 days after the end of common Ground so campers can see out the rest of their quarantine before travelling home if necessary.

Masks on camp

Wearing masks will be encouraged in crowded spaces, at key events such as the opening ceremony, and when preparing & serving food, but not required anywhere on camp. Some organisations attending will be wearing masks during the opening and closing ceremony.

Other measures to reduce transmission on camp

- Plan most activities to take place outside
- Ensure marquees and tents are well ventilated
- Ensure marquees do not become over-crowded, including during the evening programme.
- Wash hands in soapy water before meal times and after toilet use.
- Offer hand sanitiser in specific places, but it is stressed that any hand sanitizer is in addition to washing hands not instead of.

Overcrowding

Those responsible for any activity are responsible for ensuring that spaces do not become overcrowded.

There is a high proportion of adults on camp and it is suggested that if spaces feel overcrowded, additional adults (who are not the focus of the activity and/or are watching rather than participating) could be asked to vacate the space, rather than restricting young people wishing to participate.

Village level decisions

Villages are responsible for deciding amongst themselves the exact rules they wish to follow/ enforce for their young people when inside the village. We encourage all members of a village to discuss covid rules before they arrive on camp.

Villages hosting international delegations should be reminded to ensure they are including their delegations when considering Covid precautions and ensuring that their guests are comfortable with the arrangements.