

Dear Leaders,

We have received additional guidance from New York State in addition to the CDC requirements.

As your Troop is registered for resident camping at Camp Merz, these new guidelines will apply.

Please review the following new additional requirements for resident camping.

We hope that these requirements do not change your plans for camping with us at Camp Merz.

We ask that you contact us as soon as possible to let us know if this will impact your troops registration.

Please contact Joe DeBiso Camp Director at joe@campmerz.org with any questions or concerns and to verify your reservation.

We are sorry for the inconvenience this may cause your troop.

New Requirements:

- All Camp Staff must be vaccinated or tested weekly.
- All visitors must be vaccinated.
- All Campers (youth and adult) must meet one of three criteria before attending camp:
 - Be vaccinated.
 - Have had Covid within 3 months of attending camp.
 - Family has secured a negative Covid-19 test, 72 hours prior to attending.
- A COVID-19 Verification Form will need to be completed by all campers that certifies their completion of one of the three above standards. This will need to be attached to the med-form at check-in.
- A unit attending camp (or a group of units sharing a site) will be considered a stable group.
- Vaccinated and Unvaccinated campers do not need to wear a mask when they are in their stable group (campsite) after the third day of camp assuming they had no sick campers in the first several days.

- Vaccinated campers and staff will need to wear a mask in the presence of other campers outside of their stable group.
- Masks must be worn at any time outside of the campsite.

Sincerely,

Jan Hallberg

AHC Camping Chair



ALLEGHENY HIGHLANDS COUNCIL BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA
2021 Summer Camp COVID-19 Vaccination & Testing Declaration

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ Unit: _____

Street: _____ City/State: _____

Phone: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Allegheny Highlands Council Camps operate under permits issued by New York State Department of Health. Governor Cuomo’s Executive Order #202 was issued in response to the COVID-19 public health emergency, and this has modified requirements that are normally issued by the Department of Health to attend a Children’s camp.

We are required to obtain from all camp participants (youth and adults) a verification of the items listed below. This is in addition to the BSA Annual Health & Medical form for adults & youth and the NYS required Over-the-Counter medication form for youth.

You must meet one of the three requirements listed below to attend summer camp:

Requirement met (check one)	Requirement description	Date the requirement was met	Attach a copy of listed document for verification
	COVID-19 vaccination completed (including 2 weeks after last vaccination shot. See notes below.)		Copy of completed CDC vaccination card or copy of NYS Excelsior Pass
	Negative COVID-19 test (within 72 hours of arrival at camp)		Copy of laboratory test result
	Have recovered from a laboratory confirmed COVID-19 within the previous 3 months and have a negative COVID-19 test		Copy of laboratory test result

Attach copies of the verification document(s) to the back of this form.

Note: **“COVID-19 Vaccination completed”** means receiving either 2 shots of the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine or 1 shot of the Johnson & Johnson (Janssen) vaccine plus 2 weeks following the last vaccine shot before arriving at camp.