

GILMONT'S SUMMER 2023 COVID-19 RESPONSE

COMMUNITY LEVELS

Gilmont Summer Camp's response to COVID-19 will shift depending on the Covid-19 community level, as defined by the Centers for Disease Control and measured in the county where Gilmont is located: Upshur County. The current community level can be found at any time at [cdc.gov](https://www.cdc.gov). **In our email to guardians the week before each session of camp, we will indicate clearly which community level Gilmont is currently in and what is expected of campers and their loved ones.**

ALL LEVELS

Family Groups

Day Campers and Overnight Campers are placed in small groups with two staff members. These small groups are called "Family Groups." Family Groups have been a Gilmont tradition for over 20 years!

Hygiene & Sanitization

Campers and staff will wash and sanitize hands before eating and before and after many camp activities. Indoor spaces will be cleaned and sanitized regularly.

Outdoors

The majority of Gilmont's activities take place in the well-ventilated space of the outdoors. It is camp afterall!

Health Screenings

Please monitor your camper(s) health 7 days prior to camp. We ask that you also monitor the health of your household and refrain from sending your campers to camp if an immediate family member tests positive for Covid.

Day Camp Drop-off & Pick-up

Guardians are asked to remain in their vehicles. Camp staff will help unload and load campers and/or bags. On Friday, there will be a closing ceremony at 4:00 PM. You are invited to join us under the Pavilion.

Overnight Camp Drop-off & Pick-up

We invite guardians to enter camper cabins, meet the counselors, and help your camper(s) get settled. On Friday afternoon at 3:00 PM, family members are invited to attend the closing ceremony under the Pavilion.

Testing

Gilmont is NOT requiring testing prior to the start of camp. If your camper begins to display symptoms during the camp session, the camp nurse will contact you before administering a Covid test.

LOW

Masks

Masks will be optional for all campers and staff.

Overnight Camp Drop-off & Pick-up

Overnight Camp families will gather indoors at Mackey Hall for registration on Sunday afternoon.

Meals

Campers and staff will eat meals together indoors in the Dining Hall.

MEDIUM

Separate Spaces

Family groups will each have separate indoor spaces and contact with other groups may be limited.

Masks

Masks will be optional for all campers and staff. Masks are recommended for high-risk campers or those living with a high-risk family member.

Overnight Camp Drop-off & Pick-up

Overnight Camp families will gather indoors at Mackey Hall for registration on Sunday Afternoon.

Meals

Campers and staff will eat meals together indoors in the Dining Hall.

HIGH

Separate Spaces

Family groups will each have separate indoor spaces and contact with other groups may be limited and may only occur outdoors.

Masks

All campers and staff may be required to wear masks indoors and when groups mix.

Overnight Camp Drop-off & Pick-up

Drop-off will begin at the camp office and be drive-through style. Guardians are asked to remain in their vehicles. Staff will help unload campers and/or luggage.

Meals

Campers and staff may eat outside together or small groups will eat in different shifts or different locations.

POLICIES REGARDING EXPOSURE AND CONFIRMED CASES

If any participant begins to show concerning symptoms, as determined by the on-site nurse, the participant will sensitively and kindly be put into isolation. Guardians will be contacted and given the opportunity to pick up their camper or have their camper taken to a local health office to be evaluated. Families attending Family Camp may make the decision to seek medical care or leave camp early. From there, appropriate action will be taken depending on the results of evaluation and tests. Participants approved to stay at camp will be kept in isolation until symptom free.

If a participant tests positive for COVID during a camp session, guardians of exposed campers will be contacted by email and given the option to pick up their camper or leave them at camp for the duration of the session.

Upon returning home from camp, please contact Gilmont if your child tests positive for COVID. In this case, parents of campers who were exposed will be notified via email.

Exposure is defined as being within 6 feet of a symptomatic or COVID positive individual for 15 minutes or more without a mask up to two days before symptoms began or a positive test.

If the camp is required to close or a camper must stay home due to sickness or another reason prior to the start of the camp session, deposits will not be reimbursed.

If a camper is sent home mid-week, camp tuition will not be refunded.

THANK YOU!

We know families and communities choose Gilmont Summer Camp because we are a safe and fun place where people form meaningful relationships with God, creation, others, and themselves. Your cooperation in monitoring symptoms pre-arrival, limiting potential exposures, and testing contribute to our goal of providing children, youth, and their families a healthy and safe summer. Thank you!

And thank you for choosing Gilmont Summer Camp!