



Ranch Camp FAQ

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Our **Parent Handbook** is an incredible resource for all families sending campers to camp this summer. [You can check it out here!](#) We recommend reading it thoroughly before your camper heads to camp. We'll have a COVID Addendum coming out early May 2021.

General Camp Questions

Q: Where is camp located?

A: Camp is located at 21441 N. Elbert Road, Elbert CO 80106.

Q: Where do I fill out my camp forms?

A: You can find all camp forms at <https://jccdenver.campintouch.com/> under the "Forms and Documents" tab. If you have questions about forms or get locked out of your CampInTouch account please email kskeen@jccdenver.org

Q: Who can we talk to about billing and when will we hear about scholarships?

A: If you have any questions about billing or scholarships, please reach out to our camp registrar at amarshall@jccdenver.org.

Q: What sort of mask should I send my camper with? How many masks should I send?

A: No masks with vents, or single layer masks, such as buffs or bandanas. Your camper should feel as comfortable as possible in their mask. We recommend bringing enough reusable masks to wear one every day of their session and one box of 25 disposable masks. Campers should also bring a mesh bag for mask washing.

Q: How do we make sure everyone quarantines before starting camp?

A: While we cannot mandate or track a quarantine, getting to camp safely will truly be a partnership with our community for this summer. We encourage all families with attending children to be cautious of going to large gatherings, and limiting any additional travel, as much as possible for the two weeks leading up to their arrival day. We know that some campers have school in this two-week window and again ask for as much caution as possible.

Q: Who is helping with cleaning?

A: Kids will help clean their own bunks, as usual throughout the summer. Staff cleans high contact areas throughout the day, with a cleaning team assigned to clean specified and multi-use areas.

Q: Will staff be vaccinated?

A: We are hoping to have all staff who are eligible and willing to be vaccinated for camp this summer. At this point, we cannot require staff to be vaccinated, but are strongly encouraging it.

Q: Will out-of-state campers still have linens available?

A: Linens are still available for out-of-state campers. Out-of-state families: keep an eye on your email before camp to reserve your linen rentals.

Q: How will bunking work? Can you explain cabin cohorting?

A: Campers are bunked by age group according to their camp grade. Camp grade is the grade that the camper is entering in the fall (ex: if you camper is going into 5th grade, they will be living in the 5th grade cabin). Each bunk/cabin will have about 10 campers and 2 – 4 staff members. Those people will become your camper's cohort and will function similarly to a family unit. We will email you a few days before your camper arrives at camp to let you know which cabin they will be living in and which staff members will be living with your campers.

Q: What is a unit?

A: Our camp community is divided into units based on age. Our mini and youngest campers are the Chalutzim Unit. Our 5th and 6th grade campers are the Metapsim Unit. Our 7th and 8th grade campers are the Toshavim Unit. Our 9th, 10th and 11th grade campers are the Tyulim Unit.

Q: How many labels do we need?

A: You should label EVERYTHING, yes EVERYTHING, that your camper brings to camper with their FIRST and LAST NAME (no initials please!).

Q: What if my camper is coming for multiple sessions from out of state?

A: We are still working out the details of this protocol. Please reach out to us directly so that we may come up with a solution. It is a possibility that we will find an appropriate host family for them to stay with between sessions.

Q: If a bunk prefers to eat outside, will they have that option?

A: We're going to keep the space on the porch available for staff to limit 'cross-cohorting' in the dining hall as much as possible. Secondly, the picnic tables beneath the dining hall will be reserved for any bunks in quarantine.

Q: What happens with deliveries and any off-site people who come to the camp?

A: Our goal is to have all staff living on-site for the summer. Any off-site vendors or staff will have 0 direct contact with campers.

Q: Will campers have to wear masks during high-energy activities?

A: Campers playing sports or other high-energy activities with their cohorts will be allowed to take their masks off at that time. The staff will keep their masks on unless they can keep appropriate social distance outside ('Reffing' or on the sidelines)

Q: Letters and packages, are we allowed to send those?

A: Yes, they are allowed. A steady flow of letters to and from home can help promote your child's positive feelings about camp and about being away from home. Packing pre-addressed envelopes, stationery, and stamps helps campers more easily send mail during camp. Ranch Camp delivers all outgoing mail to the Elbert Post office daily (except Sundays). Please limit the total number of packages sent to ONE per parent/guardian. Focus on letters and CampMinder emails. If your camper receives more than one box package per parent/guardian during the session (unless you have received approval) we will notify you and hold the package until the end of camp. You may send non-food items such as games, cards, etc. **DO NOT SEND FOOD IN CARE PACKAGES!** Food in bunks attracts critters and interferes with our allergen friendly environment and Kashrut supervision.

PLEASE SEND MAIL TO:

Child's Name - c/o JCC Ranch Camp

Cabin # ____

21441 N. Elbert Road

Elbert, CO 80106

Q: Will campers be able to interact with their siblings at camp?

A: Yes, they are allowed to go see siblings while outside, masked, and sit together to have a conversation. They are not allowed to visit the inside each other's bunks.

Q: How many campers will be sharing the same bathroom? How will bathroom/shower access be handled related to COVID and cohorting?

A: Campers will be sharing bathrooms with other campers in their villages. Cabins will each be assigned shower times as well as morning and evening prep times where they will be the only cabin in the bathroom. All surfaces in each bathroom will be cleaned after each cabin's use. We will also have Porta Pottys at key program areas that will be cleaned after each use.

Q: Are staff tested before campers arrive?

A: Yes, staff will follow the same arrival testing protocol as campers.

Q: What village will my camper be living in this summer?

A: From this summer on, villages will be group by unit rather than gender. Our youngest campers will likely be in the South Village and our older campers will likely be in the North Village.

Q: Which campers have to bring sleeping bags and sleeping pads?

A: Every camp should bring a sleeping bag and sleeping pad! Our non-trips campers have at least one camp out during their time at camp and should be prepared with a sleeping bag and pad. However, sleeping bags cannot be used as a substitute for linens that are required for bunks in cabins.

Q: Will you have international staff this summer?

A: Yes! We are so excited to be able to welcome staff from all over the world this summer.

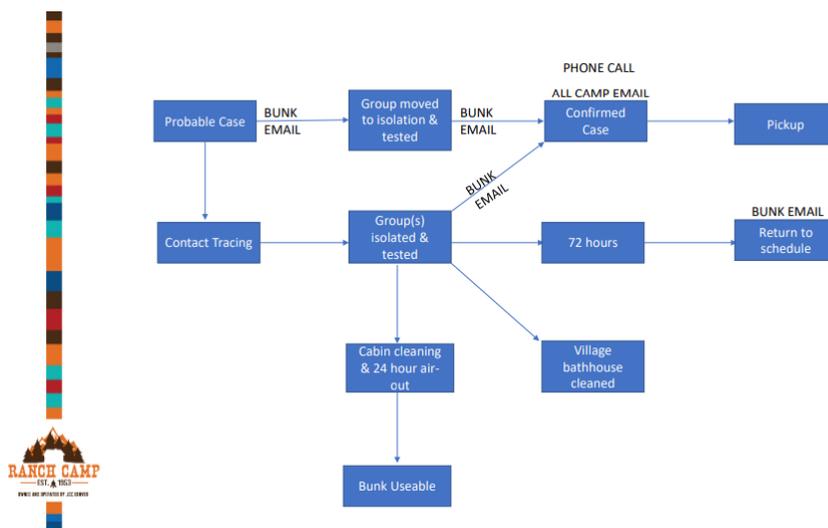
Q: How many campers will be living in each cabin?

A: Currently, there will be a maximum of 10 campers in each cabin.

Q: What's the protocol if someone at camp starts showing symptoms of COVID and/or test positive while at camp?

A: If a camper starts showing two or more symptoms of COVID, we will consider is a probable case and move the camper to an isolation room and administer a PCR test. If that test comes back negative AND symptoms resolve within 24 hours, the camper can re-enter bunk. If that test comes back positive the camper needs to be picked up within 24 hours (72 hour for families who live out of state) We will contact trace for both probable and confirmed cases. Impacted cabin groups will be quarantined 72 hours. During this quarantine, cabins can still do programs independently and will have meals delivered to their bunks. We will test the entire cabin at end of the 72-hour window. We are still waiting on guidance from CDC, ACA, and state/local regulators to determine bunk closure thresholds.

This flow chart helps explain our process:



Q: Is there anything that could happen between now and the start of camp that could reduce the amount of mask wearing/restrictions/social distancing, etc.?

A: We don't anticipate any changes that would drastically change our plans around mask wearing, restrictions, and physical distancing at this point in time.

Q: How does medication work at camp?

A: All medications are dispensed by the Clinic staff with careful recording of their usage in accordance with state law and ACA standards.

Prescription or Regularly Taken OTC Medications (including supplements, vitamins, homeopathic remedies, essential oils, etc.)

- All prescription & regularly taken OTC medications must be turned in to the Clinic Staff by parent/ guardians on the first day of camp.
- All medications must be in original packaging (do not “pre-package” yourself OR put medications in mixed bottles or bags) and the dosage MUST match the dosage listed on your Physician’s form.
- We cannot administer medications that are not listed on your Physician’s Form until we receive written consent from your doctor.
- Please contact our office pre-summer if your child will be taking growth hormone, using insulin injections, or other refrigerated medications so we can bring coolers and/or develop care plans.

As-Needed OTC Medication

- We carry the majority of OTC medications (cold/sinus, allergy, etc). See a complete list in the “Health History” form. If your child takes an OTC medication “as needed” please list this on your Physician’s form.
- If we carry the medication you do NOT need to bring this – we will provide all “as needed” medications on our list.

Asthma & Epipens

- Asthmatics and campers using Epipens must bring two inhalers/epi-pens (new, original packaging) – one will be kept as a back-up in our Health Clinic.

Q: Are there laundry facilities at camp?

A: Campers’ laundry will be done once during full sessions. No laundry will be done during Mini Sessions and limited laundry will be offered to TASC, Pack n’ Ride, and Teen Village due to their shortened time onsite. All laundry is done on the premises by a trained staff member

Q: Can my camper bring electronics?

A: Camp is a completely screen free environment. Campers should not bring phones, tablets, smart watches, or other devices with screens. If they do, counselors will store electronics in the camp safe until the end of their session. If your camper has a medical or other need for an electronic device, please contact us! Campers traveling by airplane can give their electronics to their counselor to be stored in the safe until the end of their session. Please make sure that all items are clearly labeled with the camper's first and last name.

PCR and Rapid Testing Questions

Q: What is the time frame for getting a PCR test before camp?

A: You camper should get a PCR test 72 hours before their arrival at camp. We cannot accept any campers with PCR tests outside of the 72-hour window. For example, if camp starts on June 7, your camper should get a PCR testing window starts on June 4th.

Q: What do you do if you live somewhere where access is limited to PCR testing?

A: Contact our team and we will make sure you have access to a PCR test.

Q: Can we bring our PCR test results to camp digitally instead of printing them out?

A: Due to limited connectivity in Elbert, we strongly suggest and prefer that you bring a printed, hard copy of your PCR test results. You will also have to upload test results to CampInTouch before arrival.

Q: What if we do not get our pre-camp PCR test results back before the first day of camp?

A: To best protect our community, we cannot allow any campers to come to camp without a pre-camp negative PCR test. Once your negative test results arrive, we will gladly welcome your camper to camp.

Q: Although there is less than a 1% chance of a PCR test coming back inconclusive, what do we do if we get inconclusive results?

A: If you get inconclusive results on your camper's pre-camp PCR test you should get another PCR test as soon as possible. We cannot let campers on site without a negative PCR test within 72 hours of their arrival.

Q: How will you be handling false positive results that come from rapid tests on arrival day?

A: If a camper's rapid test comes back positive on arrival day, we will administer a second rapid test 30 minutes after the initial positive results. If the second rapid test is positive, the camper will have to return home. If the second rapid test is negative and the camper has their negative PCR test (from within the 72-hour pre-camp window) they will be allowed to attend camp.

NOTE: If a camper tests positive on arrival day, they will need to return home, but can come back to camp if they receive another PCR test with negative results and are not showing any symptoms.

Q: What testing company providing the rapid tests and the PCR tests?

A: Currently, the testing company that we are planning on working with is Gravity Diagnostics.

Q: My kid just recovered from COVID. Can we bring the doctor's note instead of a PCR test?

A: Yes, we will need a note that outlines proof of recovery signed by a medical doctor or nurse practitioner.

Arrival and Departure Day Questions

Q: My camper is a first time camper and nervous about leaving home for the first time. How can I navigate the 'hug and go' drop off style and make sure my camper is comfortable?

A: Our staff is incredibly excited to welcome your camper to camp and will have received extensive training on how to perfect the drop off transition and get them comfortably set up in their bunks. As a parents/guardian, we ask for your partnership in preparing your child(ren) for camp. We are in the process of creating resources and tools to help prepare your camper for camp and will have those available soon.

Q: Will we still be picking campers up from the airport? What about airport departures?

A: Yes! We are working with the Denver International Airport to ensure our out-of-state campers are as safe as possible and will be encouraging them to wear masks and face shields while in the airport and on their flights. We are also still dropping campers off at the airport on departure days and providing our gate-to-gate service as usual.

Q: What happens if my camper flies in to camp alone and gets a positive rapid test result at the airport?

A: If your camper's arrival day rapid test comes back positive, they will not be allowed to come to camp. A parent, guardian, or another authorized adult will have to pick them up from the airport.

Q: When will out of state campers get information about when to book flights?

A: We will be connecting with our out of state families soon to discuss logistics of airport arrivals and departures.

Q: How do we schedule an earlier or later timeslot on arrival or departure days?

A: You can reach out to Katelyn at kskeen@jccdenver.org to discuss any accommodations your family needs for arrival and departure days. If you have campers in multiple age groups, you should plan on arriving in your younger campers arrival time.

Q: Can someone else, like grandparents, drop off and pick up my campers on arrival and departure days?

A: Yes! Just be sure to add them to the list of authorized adults in your forms on CampInTouch.

JCC Ranch Camp Trips Town Hall FAQ

Q: What does the 10 person group limit from the United States Forest Service mean for our trips?

A: Since the United States Forest Service has placed a limit on group sizes for backpacking permits due to COVID, we have decreased the number of campers in each backpacking group. There will still be three trip leaders in each backpacking group, but there will only be six campers in each backpacking group. This change will only affect the backpacking portion of each trip. As always, we will do our best to honor bunk requests for the backpacking portion of the trip, but the USFS limits will limit which requests we can accommodate. We are also adding in additional staff to support the backpacking portions of the trips specifically.

Q: Can kids use neck gaiters/buffs as masks rather than masks with ear loops?

A: No masks with vents, or single layer masks, such as buffs or bandanas. Your camper should feel as comfortable as possible in their mask.

Q: Will we be providing PPE on trips?

A: We will stock our buses with all necessary items like hand sanitizer, gloves extra disposable masks, and disinfecting wipes. However, campers should plan on bringing one pack of 25 disposable masks packed in a plastic bag and enough reusable masks for every day of their trip. We will not be providing N95 masks.

Q: What happens if a camper gets sick while on their trip?

A: if a camper gets sick while on trip they will be isolated from the group and tested with a rapid test twice, 30 minutes apart. If these tests come back positive, we will take the entire group to a testing center to be testing. If these tests are negative and the camper's symptoms resolve in 24 hours, they will rejoin the group.

Q: How many campers will be on each trip?

A: We are currently expecting all of our trips to be at capacity.