

A pattern of various sports-related icons in light blue, including a bicycle, soccer ball, tennis racket, baseball bat, and others, set against a white background.

COVID-19

Day camps

Summer 2021

Answers to your questions

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This document is intended for day camps and complements the one developed by [l'Association des camps de jour du Québec](#) (ACQ). It presents clear guidelines to reduce the risks of COVID-19 infection in Montréal. Answers are based on the information available at the time this document was written. These answers can change as the situation evolves.

Note: This Q&A document complements the Webinar presented on June 17, 2021. The Webinar and accompanying PowerPoint are accessible in their entirety. Please read it! Many questions are answered there.

If you don't find answers to your questions in the document, camp administrators can send your questions to their respective CIUSSS or email them to milieux-jeunesse.drsp.ccsmtl@sss.gouv.qc.ca

1. Group composition

1.1. Should children from the same family be in the same group?

- + Yes, it is better for children from the same family to be in the same group when possible, and if their parents agree.

1.2. Can children attend different camps during the summer?

- + Yes, a child can attend more than one day camp during the summer.
- + However, it is important to opt for stable group-bubbles (children-camp monitor) during the same week.

2. Protecting children

2.1. If a child has symptoms while attending day camp, must public health (DRSP) be notified?

- + You must report to the DRSP only positive cases or any particular situation that could compromise safety at the camp. You don't need to notify us if a child has symptoms or is waiting for a test result.

3. Basic protection measures

3.1. How do we get protective equipment for employees?

- + **Private camps**
 - Supplied by the camp
- + **Community groups**
 - For public community day camps:
 - For public community day camps that are not eligible for the Programme de soutien aux organismes communautaires (PSOC): contact the person in charge at your CIUSSS.
 - For public camps that are eligible for PSOC: send your request to soutien.epi-oc.ccsmtl@ssss.gouv.qc.ca
 - **Important:** The next time this equipment is scheduled to be given out is July 9. **Community groups have until July 2 to send in their orders. Starting on July 9, community day camps will be responsible for getting their own personal protective equipment.**
 - If you're not sure which category your organization falls under: Please send an email to soutien.epi-oc.ccsmtl@ssss.gouv.qc.ca
- + **Municipal camps**
 - We are still waiting for the directives to pass on to you.

4. Management of cases and contacts, and control of outbreaks

4.1. Do camps have to send to the DRSP a copy of the case management protocol that has been implemented and approved by our university centre?

- + No

4.2. Are there any authorized testing methods that don't require a nasal swab?

- + Yes, ***a saliva gargle test***. To find out which clinics offer the gargle test, go to [Portail Santé Montréal](#).

5. Camp organization

5.1. Do you have a sample document that the camp can send to parents to inform them of measures to take in case of symptoms, isolation or contact case?

- + A letter from the DRSP will be sent to you as soon as possible. We ask you to pass it on to the parents of participants. The letter will be available in English.
- + You can find information on various pages of the [Santé Montréal Website](#).

5.2. Are two bubble groups allowed to form a “pair”? Must pairs of two bubble groups still maintain the 2-metre distance?

- + Two groups can form a stable pair by maintaining a 2-metre distance between the groups at all times. That pair should stay the same for the summer or the week (stable over time) – **Guide ACQ point 1.3.2 page 7.**

5.3. Are recommendations regarding use of public transit likely to change?

- + Camp administrators can regularly visit the [Société de transport de Montréal \(STM\)](#) website to stay informed in case changes occur during summer or fall.
- + Information about monitor/children ratios can also be found on the website.

5.4. Will the borough provide posters and signage again this year (including floor markings)?

- + Municipal day camps should refer to the person in charge of day camps in their boroughs

5.5. What types of equipment can I use for activities?

- + Because of the low risk of contamination through indirect contact, participants can share equipment (e.g. Frisbees, balls).
- + Nonetheless, it is recommended to
 - o disinfect equipment that is shared as thoroughly as possible before and after an activity;
 - o wash hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, or disinfect hands with an alcohol-based hand sanitizer before and after activities during which equipment is shared.

6. Additional information

6.1. When travelling abroad, what quarantine rules must children follow?

- + If children have travelled, they must follow the rules for travellers described in the document [Rules for travellers](#).

- + Children who have not travelled can come to your site if they don't have symptoms of COVID-19 and have not been instructed to isolate.

6.2. For summer vacation camps, participants must provide a negative result of a test done 48 hours or less before the beginning of their stay. Has public health established measures to guarantee that clients will get their results within the expected time frame?

- + Yes. Testing centres have been informed of this measure for summer vacation camps. They have also been notified that results are expected within 48 hours.

6.3. Some young people go from one summer vacation camp to another in under 48 hours. Many parents are concerned about their children having a test during this short period and getting the results on time. Are these children exempt from getting tested? Will summer vacation camps have what is needed to test those children before sending them to another camp?"

- + The ACQ recommends that camps admit asymptomatic children and monitor them for symptoms while awaiting test results, in case results are delayed.

6.4. If a child is unable to get tested 48 hours before going to a summer vacation camp—for instance, because he or she is on a wilderness camping trip—can we accept a test done more than 48 hours before if the child stays in isolation between the time the test is done and the beginning of his or her stay at the camp?

- + Same recommendation as for question 6.3. The child must get tested prior to attending, but can attend the camp even though the result has not arrived.

6.5. Do the current rules that apply in early childhood centres (CPE) and schools regarding the return of children with mild symptoms lasting more than 24 hours (runny nose, stuffy nose, etc.) also apply to day camps?

- + Waiting for validation.

Important:

- + It is up to administrators to inform parents that they must get their children tested 48 hours before they go to the camp. Administrators can refer to the ACQ's [website](#) and [Guide](#) for more details.

7. Important contact information

To report a case in a day camp:

Direction régionale de santé publique (contact information for camp administrators only):

- + Email: milieux-jeunesse.drsp.ccsmtl@sss.gouv.qc.ca
- + Telephone: 514-528-2400

In case of COVID-19 symptoms:

- + COVID-19 help line: 1-877-644-4545

In case of poisoning:

- + Québec Poison Control Centre: 1-800-463-5060

For any other questions:

- + COVID-19 help line: 1-877-644-4545