



Wisconsin Rec-Ed Camps 2021 FAQs

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Q Is DATCP providing another update similar to the one sent in May 2020?

Yes, this is the update and will reinforce [ATCP 78](#) requirements looking ahead to the 2021 season related to COVID-19. It includes common questions received by DATCP over the past year.

Any COVID-19 policy updates will always be emailed directly to the email address on file for each licensed camp as provided to your local sanitarian. Additional recommendations can be found in the [American Camp Association Field Guide](#) and the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\) Youth and Summer Camp](#).

A recording of “Wisconsin Camps 2021” town hall co-hosted by the American Camp Association and DATCP on February 8, 2021, [can be viewed anytime](#).

Q When should camps begin planning for the 2021 summer camp ‘season?’

We strongly encourage each camp and its assigned state or local health department sanitarian to connect before the season begins. We suggest you focus on the following items:

- Availability of vaccination clinic options and criteria for tiered vaccination eligibility groups.
- Camp COVID-19 reporting requirements and contact tracing.
- Further direction for vaccination of camp staff from out of state.
- Availability of vaccine supply within the county where your camp is located.

Q What is the licensing impact of offering rec-ed camp cabins within our property for non-camp rentals such as through VRBO and Airbnb?

This question is based on an identified conflict in our current rule ([ATCP 78](#)) that indicates that a separate license is needed. Currently, DATCP is not requiring a separate lodging license for 2021. We will be addressing the conflict in the upcoming rule revision. The intent is that additional activities can be performed under a rec-ed camp license as long as lodging requirements are also met. An additional fee may be involved. We are currently working through those issues.

Q Where can I find more information about Wisconsin wastewater COVID-19 surveillance testing?

This is outside the scope of ATCP 78. Visit <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/wastewater.htm>



Q What wastewater connections are required when camps add mobile handwashing stations for enhanced hand hygiene throughout camp property?

When adding additional mobile handwashing sinks, plan ahead for proper gray water disposal ([ATCP 78.13 \(1\) Sewage](#)). No liquid and water carried wastes from sinks may discharge onto the ground surface.

Q What will DATCP require or recommend for drinking fountains in 2021?

Safe drinking water that is readily available to campers at all times is required per ATCP 78.12 and can be provided in a variety of methods that may include drinking fountains. The following practices are acceptable alternatives for providing drinking water under the CDC COVID-19 guidance:

- Drinking fountain is functional or drinking water is provided from portable bulk water containers and the operator, responsible supervisor or an appointee can describe enhanced sanitation that is applied consistent with [CDC's Guidance for Cleaning and Disinfecting Public Spaces](#).
- Drinking fountain has been disabled and there is individually-bottled drinking water provided free of charge at all times when the rec-ed camp is open.
- Drinking water is being provided from a contactless water station or tap where an individual uses their own bottle, and single-use disposable cups are being provided for those without bottles.

Q Can we return to allowing kids to serve themselves during meal time?

Refer to [American Camp Association Field Guide](#) section 5.0 for COVID-19 food service recommendations.

Q Where can our food service staff find the updated Wisconsin Food Code?

Wisconsin Food Code updates, along with diarrhea and vomit clean up one-pagers, can be found here: https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs_Services/FoodCode.aspx.

Q Can ill camper isolation be a separate room within the same hallway of a dorm? Should campus camps segregate ill campers to one floor in a campus camp dorm environment?

[ATCP 78.19\(3\)](#) requires written procedures and space for the temporary isolation of sick campers and staff members. Consult your camp physician for details on how to meet these requirements at your camp.

From the Association of Camp Nursing: October [2020 Communicable Disease Management in the Camp Setting](#), page 10 — consider isolation with all contagious illness-separate toilets and handwashing facilities for ill and healthy campers.

Q What does DATCP require or recommend for interior ventilation?



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- [ATCP 78.21 \(2\)](#) space for occupant includes 400 cubic feet for each occupant over 12 years of age and 200 cubic feet for each occupant under 12 years of age.
- [ATCP 78.21 \(3\)](#) also requires floor space between beds; at least 3 feet horizontally between sides of beds and at least 6 feet horizontally between heads of campers.
- Refer to [CDC](#) ventilation for a wider range of recommendations.

Q During family camp, does a parent who gives their child medication need to be included on the camp medication log?

An ATCP 78 rule revision is working to clarify this question. Family camp participants do not need to submit health history forms to camp health services when children remain fully in parental care during family camp.

Q Are there any COVID-19 related circumstances that would cause DATCP or the local health departments to prevent camps from opening? Are there any circumstances that would cause camps to be closed down?

Local health department decisions are made by the health officer. At the state level, these decisions would come from Governor’s Office or the Department of Health Services. Become familiar with your local sanitarian, as most work under the supervision of the local county health officer. State sanitarians can advise you on how to get information from the local county health officer.

Q Does the health department have recommendations for any rapid tests that are readily available, cost effective, and have a great accuracy?

A list of available testing options can be found at the [U.S. Food and Drug Administration \(FDA\) webpage](#). Additional information can be found at the Wisconsin Department of Health Services [COVID-19 testing page](#).

Q Can camps require staff to get COVID-19 vaccinations?

This is outside the scope of DATCP. Please see the DHS website for a [list of vaccine FAQs](#).

Q Since public swimming pools are safe to open, what about natural beach swimming areas at camp?

Continue to follow [ATCP 78.18\(5\)](#) for water activities. In addition, refer to CDC and ACA Field Guide section 12.0 that encourages diligent multilayered non-pharmaceutical intervention (NPI) control strategies. Conducting activities outdoors is just one of the many controls to reduce potential COVID-19 transmission.



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