

SAFETY GUIDELINES FOR 2021 IN-PERSON ON-SITE ACCREDITATION VISITS

For in-person accreditation visits in 2021, the following ACA guidelines and/or the camp guidelines should be followed, whichever are more strict.

Clear communication between the camp and the assigned ACA volunteer team is crucial to site visits for 2021. Plans with each camp will vary based on camp locations, specific camp operations, and local regulations.

Definitions for Clarification

Camp director

Designated camp staff/representative who will be present with the ACA volunteer visitors throughout the on-site visit. There can be more than one designated camp staff.

ACA volunteers

The ACA volunteer visitor who will be on-site observing the camp operation and scoring related to the ACA standards.

Camp staff & campers

Other camp staff (i.e., camp nurse, a specialized activity director, etc.) or campers who the ACA visitor might ask camp-operations questions and standards-related questions.

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ACA volunteers should follow camp COVID-19 screening procedures as requested by the camp.

Indoor time during the on-site visit should be minimized as much as possible.

ACA volunteers and camp director should wear masks (face covering that covers nose and mouth) at all times during the site visit. A face shield alone is not considered an appropriate face covering.

Camp directors and ACA volunteers(s) should stay at least 6 feet apart at all times, including touring and scoring time.

Camp staff and campers should wear masks at all times if they are with ACA volunteers.

During scoring, no documents or materials should be shared or handled by both camp staff and ACA volunteers (everyone needs their own pen, pencil, binders, documents, computer, etc.). Digital documentation is preferred; however, if the camp provides materials in paper form, the camp must prepare identical documentation sets for each ACA volunteer to use during the scoring process.

ACA volunteers should enter occupied indoor areas only when everyone is wearing a mask.

ACA volunteers should bring their lunch to eat outside and at least 6 feet apart from others or eat camp lunch only if outside and at least 6 feet from others.

[Wash hands](#) often with soap and water. Use hand sanitizer if soap and water are not available.

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Any ACA volunteer who is experiencing or has experienced in the 14 days prior to the on-site visit any COVID-19 symptoms as defined by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) – including but not exclusively: fever, shortness of breath, loss of smell or taste, or any flu-like symptoms – should not go to the in-person visit. In the 14 days prior to the in-person site visit, those who had contact with a COVID-19 positive or suspected positive person or received instruction from a public health authority to self-observe, self-isolate, or self-quarantine should not go to the in-person visit. Contact the camp and ACA staff for alternate plans.

ACA volunteers should review the CDC guidance for [people at increased risk](#), including older adults, people with certain medical conditions, and others who need extra precautions. If an ACA volunteer or their household member is at increased risk, they should consult with their licensed medical provider to make a thorough assessment of all current factors to determine if they should participate in an in-person visit.

If the camp has a COVID-19 case or exposure in the 14 days prior to the scheduled on-site visit, the camp should immediately notify the ACA volunteer and ACA staff to discuss alternate plans.

If the camp has any positive cases of COVID-19 in the 7-days following the on-site visit, the camp should notify the ACA volunteer(s) immediately.

If an ACA volunteer tests positive for COVID-19 in the 7-days following the on-site visit, the visitor should notify the camp immediately.

Being mindful of the importance of actions prior to the in-person on-site visit is prudent. As much as possible, practice physical distancing, mask-wearing, and proper hygiene during the 14 days preceding the in-person on-site visit. None of these measures guarantee absolute protection, but ignoring any or all could notably increase your risk of contracting COVID-19.

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