

The Barton Center for Diabetes Education, Inc.

RESIDENT CAMP COVID PROTOCOLS FOR SUMMER 2025 AS OF 1/1/25

PLEASE NOTE: THESE PLANS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE AS NECESSARY.

The Barton Center for Diabetes Education takes standards for hygiene and cleanliness very seriously and is taking additional steps to protect our campers, families, and staff. Our health and safety measures are designed to address a broad spectrum of viruses, including COVID-19, and include everything from hand hygiene and cleaning product specifications to the cleaning of program equipment and watercraft.

The purpose of this plan is to develop and implement a strategy to operate summer camp programs while preventing the spread and outbreak of COVID-19. We are closely monitoring government policy changes and are implementing many regulations from the American Camp Association (ACA) Operations Field Guide, Centers for Disease Control (CDC) Guidelines, mandates from the state of Massachusetts, and our local health officials. **We will continue to make changes, as necessary or appropriate, to our protocols and procedures to ensure our due diligence in making The Barton Center a viable and safe option for our families this season. We encourage you to check our website and your emails for the most up-to-date protocols prior to camp as any further changes will be posted on our website, and last-minute modifications will be emailed to you. Please contact The Barton Center directly with any COVID related questions prior to the start of camp.**

Facility Upgrades

The Barton Center will have hand sanitizer at activity areas, Winex air cleaners in each cabin, and additional upgrades to meet local and state building and health department guidelines. In addition to upgrades, we plan to increase circulation of outdoor air within buildings (via windows, doors, fans) as much as possible, unless doing so creates a hazard.

Vaccination status

All campers are highly recommended to be vaccinated prior to the start of camp. All staff and volunteers are required to be vaccinated and boosted prior to the start of camp. If your camper tests positive prior to the start of any camp, please contact The Barton Center for further instructions.

Opening Day

Check-In: Please ensure you have sent in ALL required confirmation paperwork TWO WEEKS PRIOR TO ATTENDANCE. If we do not have all required paperwork on file, your camper will not be allowed to attend camp.

Opening day drop off: Please arrive at the scheduled time provided to you. Upon arrival on opening day, medical check-in will take place in the Penta dining hall with a Health Care Counselor and the On-Site Medical Provider. Parents and guardians are able to assist campers with luggage inside the cabin.

Opening Day Screening

Upon arrival at camp:

- Staff will perform symptom checks for all campers.
- Parent/Guardian will fill out the Camper Health Screening form to confirm their child and anyone in their household has not experienced any COVID-19 symptoms in the last 24 hours and that their child is not required to be in COVID-19 isolation or quarantine.
- Parent/Guardian must sign a written attestation regarding any household contacts to someone with COVID-19 symptoms or if they have given their child any fever reducing medication.

Closing Day

Pick up will be between 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. You will receive an email with all your child's camp medical information within two hours of camp departure.

Masks (Adult/Children)

Masking is not required at camp, masking is optional. The Barton Center will supply disposable masks to all campers and staff if desired.

Daily Screening

Staff will perform daily symptom checks for all campers. A rapid COVID-19 test will be administered to any camper exhibiting any symptoms or running a fever/temperature.

Sick camper or staff

If a child exhibits any symptoms of COVID-19 illness while at a Barton program, a rapid COVID test will be administered. If a camper tests positive for COVID, **they must be picked up immediately** to isolate at home. If test results are inconclusive, a second rapid test will be administered. If a camper tests positive, every camper in the cabin will also receive a rapid COVID test. If additional campers test positive, they will be quarantined and sent home. All campers that test negative for COVID will remain at camp and be tested again in three days. Parents will be informed if their camper tests positive. If there is a close contact but the camper tests negative, parents will not be informed.

Activities

We will clean surfaces and equipment in accordance with CDC guidance, including the cleaning of high touch surfaces twice per day. Outdoor spaces will be used for most actives and less actives unless it is raining. For rainy days, campers will be in their cabins or rotate through larger indoor areas. Each cabin will have a box of art supplies and games that they can use inside their cabin.

Lost and Found Policy

In response to COVID-19, The Barton Center is limiting items held in lost and found, after each camp session ends.

Camp will only hold the following specific list of items:

jackets/sweatshirts; sleeping bags, blankets, pillows; prescription glasses; durable medical equipment; prescription medication; diabetes supplies and equipment; shoes (not water shoes or sandals); backpacks
Camp will keep these items for no longer than two weeks from the end of the session, after which, these items will be donated or thrown away. Please note that these items will be held at the discretion of camp staff. Items that are soiled, damaged, or otherwise deemed not able to be safely stored will be disposed of.

Camp will not hold the following specific list of items:

socks and underwear, all toiletries and toiletry bags, all swim gear including swimsuits and goggles, hats, t-shirts, pants, shorts, pajamas washcloths and towels, water shoes including sandals, water bottles, sunglasses, flashlights and headlamps, toys, cameras, arts and crafts projects including tie dye