

The Barton Center for Diabetes Education, Inc.

COVID PROTOCOLS FOR DAY CAMP 2025 AS OF 1/1/25

PLEASE NOTE: THESE PROTOCOLS 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 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 prior to the start of camp. A COVID-19 booster is highly recommended for staff. If your camper tests positive for COVID prior to the start of any camp, please contact The Barton Center for further instructions.

Check In/ Morning Drop-Off Procedures

Parents will accompany their child during the check in process. **To ensure we have a smooth and timely check in process for everyone, all required confirmation paperwork must be sent in 2 weeks prior to the start of camp (see day camp handbook, page 3). The only form you will bring with you on opening day is an updated insulin plan if there have been any changes since submitted. Check in will begin daily at 8:30 a.m. to ensure camp promptly starts at 9 a.m.** After quick health updates and collection of medications, staff will take your camper and their belongings to the day camp area. Each day you should arrive at the same time and location.

Daily Screening

Upon arrival at camp each day:

- Staff will perform daily symptom checks for all campers.
- Parent/Guardian will fill out the Day Camp Daily 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.

Afternoon Pick-Up Procedures

Pick-up will begin promptly at 5 p.m. and will be conducted at your child's assigned check in station.

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.

Sick camper

We encourage parents to **please be mindful**. Any child exhibiting any symptoms of illness should remain at home. If a child exhibits any symptoms of illness while at day camp, a rapid COVID test will be administered, and the parent/guardian will be contacted to pick up the child. The child will be isolated until pick up. If test results are inconclusive, a second rapid test will be administered. If a camper tests positive, close contacts of the camper will also receive a rapid COVID test. If additional campers test positive, they will be isolated and sent home. All campers that test negative for COVID may continue to attend camp and will 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

All activities will be done on site. 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 activities and less activities unless it is raining. For rainy days, campers will rotate through larger indoor areas.

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