



Beyond Walls COVID Safety Policy- Summer 2021

Beyond Walls will offer in person, outdoor programming this summer. Beyond Walls' COVID safety policies will follow the guidance from the Minnesota Department of Health, (<https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/situation.html>), University of Minnesota Youth Programming Consortium (<https://collegeready.umn.edu/>), and Minneapolis and St. Paul city guidelines. These policies and planning are responsive to changing circumstances.

Vaccination Policy and Screening Procedures:

- MDH has made available COVID-19 vaccines for all Minnesota youth ages 12-18. Beyond Walls highly encourages all participating youth to seek out this vaccine. Resources on vaccine finding/vaccine information:
 - Vaccine finder- <https://www.vaccines.gov>
 - Vaccine Connector to MDH sites-
<https://mn.gov/covid19/vaccine/connector/connector.jsp>
 - CDC Information for Youth Vaccine Information
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/recommendations/adolescents.html>

All Beyond Walls summer staff are fully vaccinated.

- **As of May 28th-July 1st, the University of Minnesota asks that all youth programs require masks for all students and staff regardless of vaccination status for any indoor activity. Masks are not required for outdoor activities when social distancing is possible.**
 - As Beyond Walls partners with the University, we will adhere to the same policy and keep program participants aware of any changes.

- Students and staff will also be required to follow quarantine safety measures outlined below. These are based on policy work and MDH safety guidelines:
 - Inform program staff within 24 hours of positive case/close contact with positive COVID case
 - Seek out COVID testing and/or quarantine from program for 10 days
- Any student or staff exhibiting COVID symptoms regardless of vaccination status cannot participate in summer programming until symptoms have subsided for at least 48 hours.

Summer Program Health and Safety Procedures

- Masks and sanitation materials will be provided by Beyond Walls. Beyond Walls does encourage students to bring their own masks when possible.
- Summer programming will predominantly be outdoors.
- Transportation for summer programming is provided. All students and staff regardless of vaccination status will be asked to wear a mask.
 - In the 15 passenger vehicle, no more than 50% capacity/7 students will be allowed at one time.
- Registration is required for student participation. This will ensure proper transportation and program resources are available.
 - No more than 10 students are eligible to participate in a program day. This ensures safe staff to student ratios and keeps potential contact numbers low.
- Daily logs of student and staff attendance will be tracked.
- For summer activities:
 - All equipment (racquets, balls, etc) will be sanitized immediately after each use

- Students and staff will wash/sanitise hands after use of any equipment, before and after eating, and upon entering and leaving an excursion area

Signature/Acknowledgement of Policy

I have read and understand the above policy work for the safety of my student (s) and Beyond Walls staff. By signing, I agree to this policy and understand that if my student (s) does not comply with these COVID safety policies, they will be dismissed from the specific program day.

Guardian Name (print) _____

Guardian Signature _____

Date _____