



# 2<sup>ND</sup> NATURE ACADEMY CAMPUS

## *School, Care, & Camp During COVID-19*

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## Disclaimers

- If a policy in this guide conflicts with standard 2<sup>nd</sup> Nature Academy campus program policies and/or literature, these policies will take precedence over all others.
- This is a living document and all information within is subject to change.

## Sources

In shaping our policies, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Nature Academy leadership routinely reviews the guidance of and consults the following organizations, among others:

- Nashua Division of Public Health and Community Services (DPHCS)
- New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)
- Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH)
- New Hampshire Child Care Aware
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)
- American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP)

## Outdoor Education & Play

All campus programs already take advantage of all that the outdoors affords them and appreciates the many great assets our grounds have to offer. During this pandemic, these resources have been more invaluable than ever. We take pride in our outdoor education leadership and recognize the importance our programs offer for childhood development, learning, and fun, as many skills and milestones can be acquired while in nature. All ages have access to the myriad of outdoor learning opportunities on campus including fields, forest, farm, ponds, vernal pools, and natural land formations.

## Masks/Face Coverings

Mask use on campus is presently optional for all staff and children ages 2+ and parents/guardians or non-student family members, regardless of vaccination status. Children under the age of 2 are considered too young to mask.

## Cohorts & Distancing

Cohorts will be kept together, and teachers/counselors will avoid mixing cohorts to reduce additional exposure risk. Additionally:

### Nature's Pathways

- Space seating and nap cots (head-to-toe positioning) at least 3 feet apart.
- Provide additional spacing for meals and snacks.
- Encourage children to maintain social distance whenever possible.
- Mixing of cohorts will be avoided to the greatest extent possible.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Nature Academy, Camp Lovewell, & Brainwave STEAM Camps (as applicable)

- Extra furniture will be removed from classrooms to allow for distancing when inside.
- Flexible seating options will be utilized to create spacing between students/campers.
- Students/campers will be given assigned seats, when in the classroom.
- Seats will be spaced a minimum of 3 feet apart.

- Physical education will take place outside whenever feasible.
- Lunches will be staggered to allow distancing at lunch tables. Students/campers will be spaced 6 feet apart at tables.
- Students/campers will not be allowed to congregate in halls.
- Student/camper visits to lockers and cubbies will be scheduled so distancing takes place.
- Visible markers will be utilized to indicate safe distance for waiting in line for bathroom use.
- Students/campers will use assigned building entrances for arrival and departure to avoid contact with other cohorts upon entering and exiting.
- Carpool lines will be spaced accordingly at various locations outside of campus buildings so classes/camp groups do not come into contact with each other at pick-up time.

## Hygiene

Students, campers, and staff will wash hands periodically throughout the day and as applicable, including:

- Upon arrival
- Before and after meals and snacks
- When returning indoors
- When hands are visibly soiled
- After wiping or blowing nose
- When hands come in contact with the face

Sanitizer will be used when there is no access to running water. Instruction and demonstration of proper handwashing will take place at the start of the school year and periodically thereafter. Teachers will monitor handwashing and sanitizing to ensure proper technique and safe use of sanitizers.

## Cleaning and Disinfection

Cleaning and disinfection will be routinely performed by staff. 2<sup>nd</sup> Nature Academy campus will follow guidelines for cleaning and disinfecting as set forth by the CDC and the EPA.

- Normal routine cleaning of washable surfaces with soap and water
- Periodic disinfection of surfaces using EPA-approved disinfectants
- End of day thorough cleaning and disinfection
- Use of gloves and face coverings during cleaning and disinfecting

## Ventilation

Our buildings are outfitted with heat recovery ventilation systems. Fresh air is continuously being circulated. In addition, some windows in each classroom, as well as the lunchroom, are opened to allow for air circulation.

## Well-Child Campus

Parents/guardians are responsible for taking their child's daily morning temperature and screening them for any COVID-19 symptoms prior to arrival on campus. By bringing your child to campus, you are tacitly attesting to your child being symptom-free on that day.

Anyone who meets any of the following criteria should be excluded:

- Any new or unexplained symptoms of COVID-19
- Close contact with someone who is presumed or confirmed COVID-19 positive

## Limited Access to Buildings & Camp Lovewell HQ

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Nature Academy, Camp Lovewell, & Brainwave STEAM Camps:
  - Access to the buildings is limited to students, campers, and staff.
  - Non-essential visitors will not be allowed to enter educational buildings. This includes parents/family members of students or campers outside of extenuating circumstances.
  - *Please note: Visitors are not permitted to visit Camp Lovewell HQ pertaining to campus security policies. Refer to Handbook for more information.*
  - Parents/guardians will be required to remain in their cars during school drop-off and pick-up unless school personnel deem it necessary to do otherwise (i.e., picking up a sick child or attending a scheduled meeting with school personnel).
- Nature's Pathways:
  - Access to the building is limited to drop-off/pick-up. Please minimize the number of people entering the building whenever possible (e.g., one parent/guardian at a time).
- Conferencing with Staff: Interactions between families and staff should remain brief to mitigate exposure risk across cohorts. Longer conversations with staff should be prearranged and take place according to the current guidelines and/or teacher/staff comfort (i.e., phone call or over Zoom).

## Travel Considerations

The CDC continues to recommend delaying travel until you are fully vaccinated. We ask all families to take reasonable precautions during travel, communicate travel plan(s) with your program head openly, and to adhere to all campus policies upon return should symptoms develop.

## COVID-19 Quarantine/Isolation Policies

Please refer to the chart corresponding to your child's program on the following pages.



## Nature's Pathways: Infant/Toddler Wing



Chicks



Lambs



Piglets



Calves

### MASKING

#### 2+ Years (Piglets & Calves)



Families may elect to mask their child if their child has turned 2.

#### Under 2 Years (Chicks, Lambs, Piglets)



All children under 2 are not eligible for masking.

### TEST-TO-STAY

If an exposure is non-household, the individual may remain at school:

- if asymptomatic and
- they receive a negative test result from a test administered on day 5.

### QUARANTINE

- **Household contacts**
  - Masking ineligible children (under 2) or children over 2 who do not opt to mask must still observe a 10-day quarantine without a test or a 7-day quarantine with a negative test result from a test administered on day 5.
  - You may elect to have your child 2+ years mask upon return for 5 days after a 5-day minimum quarantine with a negative test result.
- **No Test (Longer Quarantine):** If a family elects not to test their child, the child must observe a 10-day quarantine.
- **Elective Quarantine:** Families will continue to be notified of positive COVID-19 classroom cases and may elect to quarantine their child.
- Those who have **tested positive for COVID-19 within the previous 90 days**, have fully recovered, and **remain symptom-free** for COVID-19 do not need to quarantine, unless they receive a positive test result or become symptomatic.

### ISOLATION

COVID-19 positive children must continue to isolate for 10 days from displaying the first symptom or, if asymptomatic, the positive test swab date. They must also be symptom-free to return after day 10.

# COVID-19 Quarantine/Isolation Policies



- 2nd Nature Academy (Grades K-12)
- Nature's Pathways Pre-Elementary
- Summer Camp Programs



## MASKING OPTIONAL

Masking on campus is optional for all individuals ages 2+. If you wish for your child to mask while in attendance in a campus program, it is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to inform your child's teacher/counselor and program head.

## TEST-TO- STAY

If an exposure is non-household, the individual may remain at school:

- if asymptomatic and
- they receive a negative test result from a test administered on day 5.

## QUARANTINE

- **Household Contacts:** Individuals exposed to COVID-19 in their household(s) must observe a minimum 5-day quarantine and test on day 5, before returning to school on day 6 or after with a negative COVID-19 test result. Further testing/exclusion may be required if an individual develops symptoms.
- **No Test Option:** If a family elects not to test their student, the student must observe a 10-day quarantine.
- **Elective Quarantine:** Families will continue to be notified of positive COVID-19 classroom cases and may elect to quarantine their student.
- Those who have **tested positive for COVID-19 within the previous 90 days**, have fully recovered, and remain symptom-free for COVID-19 do not need to quarantine, unless they receive a positive test result or become symptomatic.

## ISOLATION

COVID-19 positive individuals must isolate for a minimum of 5 days from the onset of symptoms or, if asymptomatic, the positive test swab date. They must also be symptom-free to return after day 5.