



Covid-19 Protocols: Summer Camp and Classes 2022

(as of July 3, 2022)

The main priority for Discovery Programs Inc. (“Discovery”) is the safety and health of Discovery personnel, students, parents, other family members (including caregivers, if any), guests, visitors and all other participants in Discovery programs (collectively the “Discovery Community”). The following preventative measures (together with all modifications we reserve the right to make from time to time, the “Protocols”) are based on New York City Department of Health (“NYCDOH”) and the Center for Disease Control (“CDC”) guidelines.

Each member of the Discovery Community is required to comply with the Protocols.

Vaccine Requirement

- Discovery is requiring all staff, students ages 5 and older and all parents/caregivers entering our building to show proof of full vaccination against Covid-19. When a student in the program turns 5, parents have 45 days to show proof of their child’s Covid-19 vaccination for their child to continue to be enrolled in and attend class.
- Discovery strongly suggests that students under age 5 receive the Covid-19 Vaccination.

Health Screening/Sick Policy

- Members of the Discovery Community should stay home and not come to class, camp, a recital or a competition (if and when permitted), or any other Discovery activity (collectively the “Activity”) or to work if:
 - they are experiencing *new unexplained* symptoms such as one of the following:

- Fever and/or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- New loss of taste or smell
- Body aches and fatigue
- Persistent Headache
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea
- Sore throat
- Excessive congestion or runny nose

o they have tested positive for Covid-19 within the last 5 days, or continue to experience symptoms on days 6-10. Day 0 is the start of symptoms or the day the test sample collected.

Note: For students that have a household or other exposure outside of camp or class, we ask that parents touch base with the Director. The child will be required to show proof of a negative antigen test before attending Activities. If it is a household exposure and this relates to camp, the student must “test in” to stay everyday in camp.

- **Parents shall inform Discovery as soon as possible, but within 12 hours, if their child, themselves, or their caregiver that has attended Discovery Activities tests positive for Covid-19 or is experiencing symptoms of Covid-19.** Staff shall also report if they or someone in their household tests positive or develops symptoms of Covid-19.
- *Parents shall inform Discovery if and when their child is absent from Activities for any of the reasons above, or any other reason and discuss with Discovery when their child can return to Activities thereafter. Parents shall send an email or call the Director alerting Discovery of the absence and details about the absence.*

Hand Hygiene

- All members of the Discovery Community shall wash hands before eating, after attending outdoor camp activities, and after using the restroom. Discovery will also provide hand sanitizer for entry and exit should children request it.

Face Coverings

- Masks are currently optional for all students, staff and parents entering the facility. We will continue to evaluate this policy and require masks if necessary. We will support those that choose to continue to wear a mask and those that do not.
- Masks must be worn for 10 days when a class or individual is exposed to Covid-19.
- Masks must be worn by any student, staff or parent if they are returning to Activities on days 6 through 10 after testing positive for Covid-19, assuming their symptoms have subsided.

Drop-off/Pick-up

- Drop off and pickup for Activities will take place outside the building. Students, parents/caregivers should not arrive any earlier than 10 minutes before class begins unless prior arrangement has been made with Discovery.
- It is highly recommended that students have their class attire already on underneath their street clothes, however, students may use the bathrooms to change. We recommend students arrive 10 minutes early to do so.
- Only parents/caregivers for toddlers under age 3 will be admitted into the building. For students age 3 or older, all classes will be drop-off and parents/caregivers will not be admitted to the building. If a child is 3 or older and has an issue with separation, their parent/caregiver should inform Discovery prior to the start of the semester. As noted above, any parent or caregiver entering the building must show proof of vaccination.

Classrooms/Cleaning/Disinfecting

- No member of the Discovery Community shall wear outdoor shoes in the gym or on the dance floor.
- All classroom, large equipment, props and toys will be cleaned and disinfected using approved Covid-19 products.

Ventilation

- At the Franciscan Community Center, the HVAC system will be turned on, doors will remain open for air flow, and air purifiers will be utilized in all areas.

Handling a Confirmed or Suspected Case of Covid-19

- Parents shall inform Discovery as soon as possible, but within 12 hours, if their child or other member of the household (including a caregiver, if any) has attended a Discovery Activity and has tested positive for Covid-19 or is experiencing symptoms of Covid-19. Staff shall also report if they or someone in their household tests positive or develops symptoms of Covid19.
- Discovery is obligated to report that case to the NYCDOH.
- “Close contacts” will be notified by email if there is a confirmed positive case of Covid-19 in the Discovery Community. Discovery will maintain the identity of the person with Covid-19 confidential to the greatest extent possible. We will only be able to report this information if a family reports this information to us.

Discovery will let families know of the testing and return to class requirements and guidelines following a confirmed positive case.