

2022 Smirkus Camp COVID-19 Policy

At Circus Smirkus we strive to create a safe and healthy environment for our campers, staff, volunteers, and audience members.

What follows are guidelines and protocols for the safest possible operation of Circus Smirkus Camp in this phase of the COVID-19 pandemic.

These protocols apply to all campers and staff. They will be in place throughout the summer and will not be scaled back once our programs start. They may be increased if local, regional, and/or national public health guidelines become more restrictive.

Circus Smirkus retains the absolute right to deny admittance to anyone we deem to pose a health risk to themselves or other campers because of possible COVID-19 symptoms or exposure.

Circus Smirkus requires proof of full vaccination (including boosters as recommended by CDC) against COVID-19 with a CDC or WHO authorized vaccine for all staff, campers, troupers, and volunteers.

Audience members attending Camp shows must show proof of full vaccination (including boosters as recommended by CDC) against COVID-19 with a CDC or WHO authorized vaccine, or show proof of a negative rapid antigen test result taken on the day of the performance.

During Camp performances, masks are required at all times for all audience members ages two and up, regardless of vaccination status, in the big top tent. Guests who refuse to keep their masks on over their nose and mouth will be asked to leave.

PRE-ARRIVAL

Pre-arrival behaviors and testing are two of the most essential elements in keeping everyone at Circus Smirkus programs safe this summer.

For the period of seven days before arriving at Circus Smirkus, campers and staff should restrict behaviors to low-risk activities only. This means wearing a mask and social distancing with anyone outside your household, and minimizing your contacts as much as possible. See the chart below for examples:

OK!	- Outdoor Activities
OK, BUT USE CAUTION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - School and work requirements - Medical Appointments - Circus training and other indoor activities that enforce masking - Funerals, Weddings, Graduations - Using Public Transportation
PLEASE AVOID	- unmasked indoor public gatherings

Please do your best to limit your contacts and avoid risky situations and behaviors. If possible, have your whole household avoid places where germs spread easily.

During the seven days before arriving at Smirkus, please monitor for COVID-19 symptoms recognized by the CDC including cough, shortness of breath, fatigue, fever, headache, nausea, loss of taste or smell, sore throat. Should campers experience any of these symptoms (even if you think it's allergies), parents/guardians will be required to report them immediately to the Camp Director, who will work with our health professionals to determine whether the camper can be cleared to come to Smirkus Camp.

Families are required to disclose their camper's exposure to anyone known to have COVID-19, whether that exposure is discovered before arriving in Greensboro or after the camper's arrival.

PRE-EXISTING CONDITIONS

While Circus Smirkus will not discriminate against any camper or staff member on the basis of a pre-existing condition, some conditions place an individual at higher risk of experiencing severe health complications if COVID-19 is contracted. Campers and staff with significant pre-existing conditions will be required to submit documentation that they have discussed the COVID-19-related risks of attending Smirkus Camp, with their primary care provider.

TRAVEL TO CIRCUS SMIRKUS CAMP

Travel to Circus Smirkus Camp should be as direct as possible. Travel should be single day trips with contactless behaviors along the way. If public transport is the only option, please wear an N-95 or KN-95 mask and social distance to minimize risk of contracting COVID-19.

DROP-OFF

- ★ Families will be given timeframes for arrival and expected to respect them.
- ★ Families are asked to bring only campers and parents/guardians to drop-off. A staff member will do a health check with campers and families upon arrival and collect COVID-19 test results:
 - Has the camper had a fever, cough, shortness of breath, or other respiratory symptoms in the past week?
 - Has the camper spent time with or been exposed to anyone who has been sick with COVID-19 or any other infectious illness?
 - If the answer to any question is yes, the camper and family will meet with the Camp Health Professional for further evaluation.
- ★ Families will be allowed out of their vehicles, but must wear a mask and may not enter buildings.
- ★ Staff members will help each camper unload their belongings.

TESTING

A self-administered rapid antigen COVID-19 test will be required at drop-off at Smirkus Camp. **Please bring with you two, 2-test kits per camper.** Please contact camp@smirkus.org or if you are not able to obtain tests.

All campers and staff will be tested on site on day four of each session. In addition and as needed, tests will be administered to any camper or staff member experiencing symptoms of COVID-19.

Should any camper or staff member test positive, they will be immediately isolated. Any COVID-19 positive campers will be required to go home. Any staff member who is not able to go home will be provided the medical care necessary and accommodations to isolate. After isolating for five days, if they are symptom free and receive a negative test result, campers enrolled in sessions lasting longer than one-week will be allowed to return to camp and staff members will be able to return to work.

MASKS

- ★ For the first four days after arrival at Smirkus Camp, campers and staff must wear masks while indoors or in close proximity to others in tents. On the fourth day, if all test results are negative, and there are no symptoms, masks do not need to be worn while at Camp.
- ★ Whenever off-site, staff and campers will be required to wear masks while in indoor public spaces.

Staff and campers should take these mitigation measures seriously; they are crucial for everyone's safety and for the success of Camp.

ONGOING SYMPTOM CHECKS

Circus Smirkus will be vigilant in maintaining the health of all campers and staff members, and work to identify potential possible symptoms on a daily basis.

- ★ Counselors will ask each camper daily if they are experiencing any of the common symptoms of COVID-19: fever (feeling unusually warm), cough, shortness of breath, impaired taste and smell, etc.
- ★ Staff will be responsible for reporting their own symptoms immediately.

PICK-UP

- ★ Anyone attending Camp closing shows will be required to show proof of vaccination against COVID-19 or proof of a negative test result, and must wear a mask.
- ★ Families must RSVP no later than 48 hours before the performance with the number of people in their party attending the performance.
- ★ Staff members will help campers pack up and prepare their belongings.
- ★ Family members will not be permitted in the dorms at any time.

VISITOR POLICY

One of the most important things we can do to reduce the chance of exposure to the COVID-19 virus is to strictly limit the number of people allowed onsite at Smirkus Camp this summer.

Visitors must be pre-approved by the Camp Director, Executive Artistic Director, or Associate Artistic Director.

Visitors must show proof of vaccination against COVID-19 and wear a mask at all times. Visitors will not be permitted in indoor spaces.