

COVID-19 Modifications for a Safe and Healthy Summer

Aerosols are produced at higher levels especially when playing wind instruments, singing, speaking loudly, etc. These guidelines, as of 2/24/21, are in place to mitigate potential risk of contracting Covid-19. With everyone working together to keep each other healthy, music will be in the air at Birch Creek this summer. As of this writing:

- Masks are required at all times, except when sleeping/showering/eating.
 - Performance masks and bell covers are required during concerts.
- Rehearsals and performances will primarily be outside. The use of performance masks with bell covers for winds and brass players are required for rehearsals, practicing and in concert until further notice.
- Everyone on the property will socially distance by 6 feet whenever possible, even when outside, especially when inside.
- Students must wipe down their chairs and stands before and after each use.
- Piano keys must be wiped down before and after each use.
- Instruments, mallets, sticks etc. should not be shared.
- Practice room doors are to be open for at least 30 minutes after each practice session to allow for proper air ventilation.
- Outside air is a key component to the health and safety of inside spaces. Birch Creek is committed to proper air ventilation and fresh air flow throughout the property. Students and faculty may not adjust thermostats, fans, windows, or other air flow settings.
- To maintain the integrity of the residential environment, concert audiences will be distanced from faculty, students, and staff during the session.
- Students, faculty, and staff may not co-mingle with family, friends or the public during the program session.
- Only students assigned to a specific sleeping area are allowed in that space. Parents, family members, and friends may not enter a student's sleeping/rehearsal/dining spaces.
- The students will remain on campus during their session and free time.
- No field trips – except for the jazz ambassadors who will perform outside, distanced, and stay in their own pod and their own van. They will have no outside contact with the public.
- Meals will be prepared and served by kitchen staff behind barriers. Kitchen staff will not co-mingle with the residential staff or students.

Daily COVID-19 Screening (14 days prior to your arrival) – No exceptions

Link to Daily Form: <https://www.ultracamp.com/forms.aspx?idCamp=1000&campCode=O3z&idF=19309>

All students and faculty must agree to pre-screen and self-monitor with parental oversight for 14 days prior to the start of camp. This form should be filled out **DAILY** for the 14 days prior to your arrival on campus (see specific dates below).

Students will not be admitted without a completed and signed medical log. No exceptions.

DATES FOR PRE-SCREENING BY SESSION:

Percussion (Senior Track/Junior Track): Sunday, May 30th through Saturday, June 12th

Symphony: Sunday, June 13th through Saturday, June 26th

Jazz 1: Sunday, June 27th through Saturday, July 10th

Jazz 2: Sunday, July 11th through Saturday, July 24th

MANDATORY: A negative test within 3 days of arrival or a vaccine receipt will be required upon arrival for all students and staff. Parents are advised to check into the new home testing kits if it is difficult to get a test in your area.

Birch Creek is a licensed camp through the State of Wisconsin. A consulting physician oversees Birch Creek's medical protocols and a part-time nurse will oversee Birch Creek health staff who will be taking temperatures, recording any medical issues and dispensing medications. Birch Creek has a written agreement with Door County Medical Center for medical care.