

KDHE Free Testing for Summer Camps

Due to the high risk of transmission, KDHE recommends COVID-19 testing at summer camps. KDHE has free rapid antigen testing available for camps to use with attendees throughout the camp duration. Full guidance on testing and safety precautions for summer camps can be found [on the KDHE website](#).

Obtain a CLIA Certificate of Waiver and consent

You'll need a CLIA certificate of waiver before you can test. You can get this with help from KDHE or contact your county health department or a local healthcare provider to see if you can test using theirs. You'll also want to get consent, including parental consent for minors.

Decide when and where to test

We suggest that camps lasting two days or less test all campers and staff upon entry. For camps lasting longer than two days, we suggest testing all campers & staff upon entry and every other day for the duration of the camp stay, but can work with you for your individual needs. It is also a good idea to have on-site testing for individuals who develop symptoms.

Decide how you'll report results

All results, both positive and negative, must be reported to KDHE within 24 hours. You'll also need to provide test results to each individual tested. KDHE has a tool called LabXchange that can make both of these processes quick and easy.

Have a plan for anyone who tests positive

The rapid antigen tests supplied give results in 15 minutes. If you have someone test positive, you'll want to perform a confirmation test. KDHE can assist with the confirmation process. If both tests are positive, please follow the isolation protocols listed in the detailed guidance.

Don't forget other safety protocols!

We suggest requiring masks to be worn during camp and provide ample space and supplies for handwashing and social distancing. Perform daily health checks and consider co-horting within camp. Full safety recommendations can be found in the [guidance](#) on our website.

For more information on this testing program, or to set up a time to discuss how testing can benefit your summer camp, email Lacey Kennett, KDHE Preparedness Public Information Officer, at Lacey.Kennett@ks.gov or by calling (785) 296-1984. You can access the [camp enrollment form](#) on the KDHE website.