



2021 NLC COVID-19 Eligibility and Expectations (Updated 7/20/21)

July 20, 2021 Update: The AYF requires NLC participants to take a rapid COVID-19 test upon arrival at Miniwanca. They must continue to monitor for symptoms while at Miniwanca, and the AYF will immediately quarantine a participant and administer a rapid test if symptoms present.

Because we are rapid testing all NLC participants upon arrival, the AYF does not require proof of negative PCR COVID-19 test or proof of vaccination prior to the start of mini-conference. We strongly recommend participants are fully vaccinated or confirm they have tested negative for COVID-19 before arrival at camp.

Our summer 2021 program offerings take the current state of the pandemic into consideration. AYF COVID-19 protocols follow Michigan state guidelines and laws. We expect these protocols to evolve and will update this document accordingly.

Changes to program dates (due to factors such as state and local restrictions, changes to school calendars, etc.) may affect the dates of 2021 programs. We will notify staff and participants of any changes to dates as soon as we know them. Everyone should take the precautions outlined below prior the start of NLC Mini-Conference weekends to reduce the risk that COVID-19 enters our camp communities and disrupts summer programming.

For the purposes of this document, the term “staff” includes both paid employees and volunteers, as everyone must follow the same COVID-19 protocols. Strict pre-conference safety expectations and onsite protocols mean the AYF is unlikely to consider partial employment or volunteer periods for summer 2021.

AYF Pre-Conference Safety Pledge/Travel and COVID-19 Testing

Class	Final vaccination completed (2 weeks prior to NLC)	Pre-Conference Safety Pledge Begins at Home (10 days prior to arrival at Miniwanca)	Recommended COVID-19 Test at Home (3-5 days prior to arrival)	Mini-Conference Opening Day	Mini-Conference Closing Day
Connected in Compassion and yunáziŋkhiyA (To Lift Others Up)	July 8	July 12	July 18 to 21	July 22	July 25
Bold Hearts, Rising Voice	July 13	July 19	July 23 to 26	July 29	Aug. 1

Pre-Camp Safety Pledge

The AYF is committed to creating a safe community bubble to reduce the risk that COVID-19 enters camp. **All staff and participants must adhere to the Pre-Camp Safety Pledge outlining expectations 10 days prior to the start of mini-conference. Commuter staff must continue to adhere to this pledge throughout their employment period.** These expectations include:

- Participants, staff, and members of their household will only engage in **Low to Low/Medium Risk activities** outlined in the two green sections of the COVID-19 Risk Index (see next page).



- Participants, staff, and members of their household will **only interact with those living in their household** to significantly reduce the risk of exposure to COVID-19.
- When a participant, staff member or member of their household leaves the home, **they must wear a mask indoors and outdoors if they cannot stay 6 feet away from others.** They must frequently wash their hands with soap and water, especially upon returning to the home.
- Participants and staff must **self-monitor for COVID-19 symptoms 10 days prior to their arrival at Miniwanca.** If participants, staff, or a household member starts to exhibit any COVID-19 symptoms in the 10 days prior to arrival at Miniwanca, they should immediately contact the AYF.
- The AYF requires **NLC participants to take a rapid COVID-19 test upon arrival at Miniwanca.** They must continue to monitor for symptoms while at Miniwanca, and the AYF will immediately quarantine a participant and administer a rapid test if symptoms present.
- Because we are rapid testing all NLC participants upon arrival, the **AYF does not require proof of negative PCR COVID-19 test or proof of vaccination** prior to the start of mini-conference. We strongly recommend participants are fully vaccinated or confirm they have tested negative for COVID-19 before arrival at camp.

Travel Protocols

- Current CDC travel guidance states that **personal vehicle transportation is the safest way participants and staff can travel to camp.** Participants and staff must drive directly to camp, stopping only when necessary and minimizing their exposure. They should only travel with individuals from their household.
- In the event of a positive COVID test, **participants and staff must also have a travel plan to return home or to a local emergency quarantine location** within 48 hours of diagnosis. These resources need to be available throughout the mini-conference.
- Airline travel is only an option if the participants and staff member can quarantine near camp 10 days prior to the start of mini-conference. The participant and staff member must also have an emergency COVID-quarantine location and pick up plan.



About COVID-19 Vaccinations

- While the AYF does not require the COVID-19 vaccine for participants and staff, **we strongly encourage all participants and staff to consult their state's COVID-19 vaccine plan and receive their vaccine as soon as it is available.**

COVID-19 Related Health Considerations Summer 2021

The American Youth Foundation aims to be inclusive in the enrollment of participants. All reasonable efforts will be made to accommodate campers with different conditions, strengths, and abilities. Prior to participation in any AYF program, our staff will review camper applications to ensure that participants can meet the physical and emotional demands of the program. On occasion, it may be necessary for us to contact you and gather additional information about your child's health or medical history and to consult with our AYF Medical Review Team to learn more about a camper's need for accommodations.

Our goal is to include as many participants as possible. We are limited, however, in what we can provide in terms of medical care, and we reserve the right to preclude participation based on a condition that we are not able to manage safely.

Considerations for High-Risk Populations

State Guidelines include the following special considerations for vulnerable or high-risk populations:

1. Families of campers with high-risk individuals residing in their homes must consider COVID-19 exposure risks if they send their child to camp and determine if it is safe.
2. The following populations should consult with their primary care provider before participating at summer camp facilities:
 - People of all ages with underlying medical conditions, particularly if not well controlled including:
 - People with chronic lung disease or moderate to severe asthma
 - People who have serious heart conditions
 - People who are immunocompromised. Many conditions can cause a person to be immunocompromised, including cancer treatment, smoking, bone marrow or organ transplantation, immune deficiencies, poorly controlled HIV or AIDS, and prolonged use of corticosteroids and other immune-weakening medications
 - People with severe obesity (body mass index of 40 or greater)
 - People with diabetes
 - People with chronic kidney disease undergoing dialysis
 - People with liver disease

AYF advises all camper parents/guardians to consult with their medical provider to determine if camp is a reasonably safe option for them this year.

