



UBC Farm Children and Youth Programs - Farm Wonders Day Camps Health & Safety Framework Regarding COVID-19

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This plan is an addendum to the UBC Farm COVID-19 Safety Plan, approved by the CMT on March 25, 2020.

Community child and youth programs are an important part of young people's social, emotional and intellectual development. The UBC Farm has historically offered high-quality children's programs onsite, including summer day camps, which take advantage of our rural amenities and engage children in food literacy, the natural environment, creativity and physical activities.

As restrictions are amended during the COVID 19 pandemic, childcare, educational settings and day camps are part of Phase 2 under the Government of British Columbia's Restart Plan. They are also a key piece of the social infrastructure allowing parents/guardians to return to work.

As an outdoor venue on 24 hectares of land, participants in Farm Wonders are at reduced risk of viral transmission. By implementing recommended and mandated guidelines, we are confident we can meet safety requirements pertaining to COVID19, and keep our participants, their families and our staff safe.

In order to operate day camps for children and youth at the UBC Farm, **we will follow the "Day Camps Health & Safety Framework" as outlined by UBC Camps**. The UBC Camps framework is guided by the directives of the department of Athletics & Recreation, and the University of British Columbia (linked [here](#)).

The University's actions are guided by the directives of BC's Provincial Health Officer, and Athletics & Recreation guided by sector-specific governing bodies, such as the BC Recreation and Parks Association (BCRPA) and viaSport.

We also will continue to follow our own UBC Farm COVID19 Health and Safety Plan as approved by the CMT on June 5, 2020. This plan and its predecessor (approved March 25, 2020) have allowed the Farm to safely carry on operations with no reported COVID cases.

We will also take guidance and expertise from reputable sources in order to **reduce risk**:

- [World Health Organization \(WHO\)](#)
- [Public Health Agency of Canada](#)
- [BC Government](#)
- [BC Employment Standards](#)
- [BC Centre for Disease Control](#)



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- [HealthLink BC](#)
- [WorksafeBC Protocol: Child care and day camps](#)
- [Vancouver Coastal Health](#)
- [University of British Columbia](#)
- [UBC Human Resources](#)
- [American Camping Association](#)
- [BC Recreation and Parks Association \(BCRPA\)](#)
- [viaSport](#)

Operational Model

Our program - Farm Wonders summer camps

At the UBC Farm summer camps, participants grow, learn and create in our Children's Learning Garden; observe beehives, chickens and in-season crops on "field trips" around the farm; run and explore in the meadows and forested areas; makes new friendships; and get to know the biodiversity that makes up the whole UBC Farm site.

The theme of each of our one-week camps is explored through a variety of outdoor recreational activities, crafts and hands-on experiences. All camps include forest adventures, planting, eco-crafts and a chance to harvest and eat fresh garden produce. We would continue with this model, ensuring that all activities take place outdoors following physical distancing. We will adapt our curriculum to exclude indoor kitchen activities.

As per our current UBC Farm COVID 19 Health and Safety plan, only staff are permitted into the farm buildings, including the Farm Centre which houses 2 washrooms and a kitchen. These will be off-limits to camp participants and their families. In case of inclement weather, we have a Children's Greenhouse space and a large marquee in which individuals can physically distance while still participating in activities.

We offer one-week camps called Farm Wonders throughout the summer. Normally there would be 10 weeks of camp: this year we are proposing 8 weeks starting on July 13th to allow sufficient preparation and staff training time.

Camps run from 9am-4pm with a single cohort of students per week. Camps will run either 4 or 5 days a week depending on staff availability.

Registration

We will offer priority registration to UBC faculty and staff. Parents/ caregivers register and pay for camps online which includes all necessary paperwork: no need for hard-copies of documentation or in-person financial transactions.

Our program coordinator serves as a liaison with parents/ caregivers and will be available to address any concerns or questions parents have.

Camper Safety Protocols & Physical Distancing

At drop off and pick-up we will implement strict procedures including staggered arrival times at the main Farm gate to limit the number of people on site. During sign in and out, parents will need to come within 6 feet to the staff member to sign their camper in and out.



Campers will not be required to wear masks, whether medical or non-medical

Social distancing is not always possible/realistic when working with children and youth, especially when responding to behavioural incidents. As such, staff are not required to wear any level of PPE when responding to behavioural concerns. This procedure is aligned with BC CDC COVID-19 Guidance for K-12 Schools.

Day-to-day rules include social distancing expectations for campers and staff (administrative controls). Wherever possible, staff should limit their proximity to campers. An instructor may enter a camper's "bubble", in the case of a health emergency or responding to a behaviour concern, but this level of interaction should be limited. All staff will be educated on the limitations of various PPE materials, as per [UBC's guidelines](#).

If a staff or camper is displaying any cold or flu-like symptoms while at camp, they will be removed from all camp activities and sent home to isolate. Farm Wonders will designate a safe space where unwell staff and/or campers can temporarily self-isolate until they are able to leave the premises to isolate. Campers who exhibit symptoms will be moved to the safe, designated space (ideally supervised by the same staff member who removed the camper from the classroom) and will maintain social distancing while waiting for a parent/guardian to collect the child.

Additional staff will be hired this year to ensure the child-adult ratio is 5:1 or better at all times. Children will be well-supervised during hand-washing and reminded about physical distancing. As always, staff will be required to be First Aid certified and pass a criminal record check.

Specific treatment protocols for First Aid incidents will be handled as follows:

- Low risk first aid incidents
 - Staff should ask the following to provide a baseline assessment of COVID possibilities
 - "Does the patient or anyone in their household have any of the following symptoms; cough, fever, sore throat, difficulty breathing?"
 - If no, staff can proceed to help patient with appropriate PPE
 - If yes, staff must use extreme caution in proceeding, if at all, and may only do so with proper PPE
 - Appropriate PPE:
 - If instructor and victim are in same day-camp "cohort", disposable nitrile/latex gloves must be worn, disposable non-medical mask optional, face shield not required
 - if instructor and victim are NOT in same day-camp "cohort", disposable nitrile/latex gloves and face shield are required; the use of a non-medical mask is optional
- High risk (life-threatening) first aid incidents



- staff should take every reasonable attempt to protect themselves with appropriate PPE prior to engaging in care
- If delay of care will compromise patient care, staff are to respond taking all precautions possible
- CPR/compressions - (HIGH RISK)
 - in cases of (adult) cardiac arrest, attendants may perform compression-only CPR with AED use when needed. AEDs are located in building common areas.
 - attendants may use a face shield or other covering over victim's mouth/nose to decrease contamination
- Assisted Ventilation/Breathing management (HIGH RISK)
 - preferred that rescuers provide breathing management followed by
 - bag valve mask with HEPA filter, continuous seal (requires 2 people)
 - non rebreathing pocket mask with HEPA filter, continuous seal (requires 2 people)
 - non-rebreather face mask with supplemental oxygen pocket mask with viral filter

Cleaning/ Sanitizing

Hand hygiene for staff and students will be followed according to the table provided by [BC Government COVID-19 Guidance for K-12 Schools](#). Handwashing will be the central focus of the personal hygiene we will be requiring of anyone (staff and student) who attends Farm Wonders in-person, as this has been identified as one of the best methods to limiting the spread of COVID-19. During camp days, we will institute breaks for campers to wash their hands properly, in addition to hand-washing times before and after any break or time involving food

We have an existing outdoor hand washing sink which is plumbed in to the Farm Centre and close to the Children's Garden and Greenhouse for ease of use. We are considering installing a second sink in this area. Throughout the Farm we have also installed outdoor hand washing stations with running water, soap and paper towels to meet COVID 19 requirements. All hand washing stations are cleaned throughout the day.

We will teach and expect that staff and students practice respiratory hygiene (including covering coughs, avoiding touching the face, and not sharing any food, drinks or personal items).

Regular surface-sanitizing processes will be followed by staff, accommodated with the increased staffing. High touch surfaces will be reduced wherever possible.

Annually we rent a portable toilet specifically for the Children's Garden space. In order to accommodate compliance with the UBC Farm COVID 19 Health and Safety plan we will rent at least one additional portable toilet for exclusive use of the children's programs.

Portable toilets will be maintained by the vendor on a regular weekly schedule. In addition, we will institute a cleaning schedule throughout each day for high-touch areas (door handles, paper towel dispenser, etc) on the portable toilets. This cleaning will be undertaken by our staff.



Staff Health & Safety

All staff will be required to complete the 'COVID19 Preventing Infection in the Workplace' training, as supplied by UBC Camps, as well as any other training made available by UBC.

Additional staff will also allow team members to take more breaks in case there are increased stress levels due to running programs during COVID restrictions.

Staff will receive a copy of this plan by email as well as in hardcopy. They will also receive a copy of our internal Farm Wonders Summer 2020 In-Person Camps Policy (COVID-19) Document that has been created. Staff will also be directed to <https://wellbeing.ubc.ca/wellbeing-campaigns-and-initiatives/thrive> for more information regarding supports available to them.

Farm Wonders will include WorkSafe BC approved signage for both workers and visitors visibly posted at all entrances. We will also establish rigorous expectations that staff not come to work if sick or showing any symptoms of a cold or flu. To do this, we plan to have all staff utilize the [BC CDC Assessment Tool](#) on a daily basis, and report their daily results on a secure form to the Assistant Manager.

Publication

Final plans of this Safety Plan will be posted on our Farm Wonders website and to Health and Safety boards in hardcopy. All employees will be directed to the website containing our plan.

A modified version of Farm Wonders Safety Plan will be sent to parents of registrants for review prior to the start of their child's camp. Parents will be required to acknowledge that they have read and understand the Safety Plan prior to the first day of their children's camp. This will include expectations of staff, students and parents who come to Farm Wonders in-person, and will be available on the Farm Wonders website. Acknowledgement will be recorded as a question in our camp registration form.