

April 16th, 2021

To our foreign campers and families,

I am writing to update you all on the latest information regarding international campers this summer. All of the information on our Covid Update # 4 from our website applies to you as well as the following rules.

The State of Maine and the Federal government of the US have both given us strict travel mandates that we are required to follow. These have significant impacts on our international campers for entry into the United States.

First, the national requirement is that all travelers must have an approved visa, beyond the traditional tourism visa which is generally filled out upon your arrival in the US. In addition, international travelers must have a negative PCR test for COVID within 3 days of arrival in America.

Second, the requirements from the State of Maine currently state that an international traveler **MUST** either:

- a. Quarantine for 7 days after arrival in Maine AND have a negative COVID test between days 3-5 of the quarantine.     **OR**
- b. Quarantine for 10 days after arrival in Maine.

In addition to this, **ALL** campers (US and International) must have proof of a negative covid test taken 3 days or less before arrival at Chop Point Camp **OR have proof of Vaccination (changed 4/5/21)**. This means an international camper could arrive in the US, quarantine for 7 days, taking a COVID test on the 5th day of the quarantine, and then arrive at Chop Point on the 8th day after their arrival in the United States. Currently they will need a negative test between day 3-5 for during the 7 day quarantine regardless of vaccination status.

These rules create an obstacle for camp. Maine has changed the travel restrictions for US travelers but has not declared any intention to ease restrictions for international travelers.

This leaves us with 3 options for Chop Point's international campers:

1. Attend camp making all arrangements for following the current European guidelines and US and Maine guidelines. That means getting a Visa, then traveling to the US a full 7 days prior to camp beginning and fulfilling a quarantine away from camp and testing before arrival. **Chop Point is not able to be the**

**quarantine site or to assist with the supervision of the quarantine in any way.** So the sponsoring agency (or families) would have to make all those arrangements. I outlined below what travel dates would need to look like for this option.

2. Wait until April 30 to see if Maine or the US's policies have changed.
3. Cancel and refund enrollments for summer of 2021.

I had hoped to see major changes for the better regarding international travel and arrival. I do not like any of these options but they are the only reasonable options I see available to us at the present time. We will need to resolve this by April at the latest. Chop Point needs time to try and fill the spots reserved for or presently held by our foreign campers if they are canceling enrollment. We hope that some international families may have relatives and friends in the area who could host them to meet the quarantine requirements for the state of Maine, as this is the most challenging obstacle for our foreign campers.

Families may ask why the campers cannot quarantine at Chop Point, but this is not feasible for our staff and location. It would mean running and staffing a separate international camp within our normal program. This is not a viable option or beneficial to our domestic or international campers.

Please let us know your thoughts and decisions regarding the current choices.

Sincerely,

David Wilkinson  
Chop Point Camp

### **Quarantine Schedule First Session**

Need to Arrive in the US on June 19<sup>th</sup>. Quarantine from the 19<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup>. Take a Covid Test between the 21<sup>st</sup> and the 23<sup>rd</sup>. (a test on the 23<sup>rd</sup> would also work for the test on arrival day at camp). Travel to and arrive at Chop Point on the afternoon of the 26<sup>th</sup>.

### **Quarantine Schedule Second Session**

Need to Arrive in the US on July 10<sup>th</sup>. Quarantine from the 10<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>. Take a Covid Test between the 12<sup>th</sup><sup>st</sup> and the 14<sup>th</sup>. (a test on the 14<sup>th</sup> would also work for the test required on arrival day at camp). Travel to and arrive at Chop Point on the afternoon of the 17<sup>th</sup>.

