



## KPS Guidance on Plast activities 2021-22, no. 1

Dear Plastuny and Friends of Plast!

We would like to welcome everyone to the new Plast year! The summer tabory and vyshkoly were a bit different this year, and hugely successful in providing our plastuny with a much anticipated Plast camping experience. The three OTKs, and organizers of ShaBe, eLShe and morskyy tabory, together with the komendanty and bulavy, worked tirelessly to make the tabory as safe and normal as possible, and were successful in preventing transmission of COVID-19. They all deserve a huge thanks!

COVID-19 infections and their consequences are increasing, due in large part to the predominance of the delta variant, and are affecting primarily those individuals, who are unvaccinated, including children. More detailed information can be found on the CDC and American Academy of Pediatrics websites. The sooner we have everyone vaccinated, the sooner we will see a decline in infections and hospitalizations, and we urge all eligible persons to get vaccinated, so that we can all contribute to a safer environment.

Experience with prevention last year and requirements that were successful for tabory have informed the guidance below. This is not an all-inclusive list, and stanytsi should consult CDC and state health department recommendations, preferably whichever are stricter.

- Vaccines required for everyone 16 and over -- admin, vykhovnyky, plastuny, and any volunteers working with plastuny. Provide proof of vaccination before the start of the Plast year, or upon completion of vaccination, to the designated person to participate in in-person activities. Until vaccinated, provide proof of a negative COVID test, taken within 48-72 hours of each skhodny/event.
- Very strongly recommend vaccination for 12 to 15 year olds. Any vykhovnyky, or pid-sestrychka or -bratchyk who fall into this age group also require vaccination, as above.
- Appropriate masks that cover the nose and mouth are required to be worn by everyone in inside buildings regardless of age and vaccination status, no exceptions.
- Masks are required outside, when there are mixed groups of vaccinated and unvaccinated, or multiple groups operating in the same physical space, community transmission is higher, or it's not possible to maintain social distance.
- Appropriate masks do not include buffs, bandanas, masks

- Hold activities outside, as long as the weather allows, including vidkryttia, skhodyny, and prohulky.
- Maintain social distance of six feet from people that are not from the same household if not masked, and 3 ft if masked.
- Follow stanytsia plans for drop off and pick up that minimize the presence of parents or others in the buildings, who are not helping with skhodyny.
- Bring enough food/snacks/water; these will not be provided
- Wash hands often with soap and water. Use hand sanitizer if soap and water are not available.

**Do not attend** any activity/ meeting/event if:

- You are sick, if you, anyone you live with, or anyone you have recently been around has been diagnosed with COVID-19, or has exhibited symptoms of COVID-19.
- You have been quarantined due to exposure at school, work, or the community.
- You or anyone you live with has been tested for COVID-19 or another illness and does not have the results back yet.

Present evidence of a negative COVID test within the previous 48 hours.to resume in-person activities.

Follow stanytsia plan for holding virtual skhodyny:

- For plastuny, who do not feel safe in participating in skhodyny in person, or have a health condition that makes them more susceptible to infection.
- In case community transmission is significantly increased

For those seeking vaccination, a great resource for finding a location is at **Vaccines.gov**. Once you input the zip code, select the type of vaccine, and you will get a list of places, including pharmacies, where the vaccine is in stock, and where you can either walk in or make an appointment. The State of New York also has its own vaccine finder, which lists sites, availability and eligibility.

Our responsibility as plastuny is to be respectful, and to take an active role in maintaining our health. Our first priority continues to be the health and well-being of our plastuny and communities. We continue to follow CDC guidance on COVID vaccination, masking, and other recommendations, and urge adherence to all CDC, state, and local guidance and regulations.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

SKOB, and stay healthy!

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