

SNEUCC Covid Policies for Conference Sites and Events – May 2023

Theological grounding and context

As expressed in our SNEUCC Vision statement, our Conference seeks to live the love and justice of Jesus. Our scriptures, and the example of Jesus, call us to respect and care for one another, and especially for those who are most vulnerable.

In response to the continued presence of COVID in our communities, the Southern New England Conference has adopted policies and practices to support the health and safety of those who participate in Conference programs.

I. Pilgrim Day Camp

COVID policies at Pilgrim Day Camp follow the requirements of the Framingham Board of Health and the recommendations of PDC nursing staff. Details may be found at the PDC website [here](#).

II. Silver Lake Camp and Retreat Center

COVID policies at Silver Lake follow the requirements of the Connecticut Office of Early Childhood and the recommendations of Silver Lake nursing staff. Details may be found at the Silver Lake website [here](#).

III. Meetings and events at Edwards House, Irons Homestead and other sites

SNEUCC encourages vaccination for COVID and other infectious diseases, but does not currently require proof of any vaccination for participation in meetings and events at Edwards House, Irons Homestead, or external sites rented by the Conference. Proof of vaccination is not required for attendance at Annual Meetings.

SNEUCC does not currently require masking of guests or staff. Because some people remain vulnerable to COVID, guests are encouraged to be thoughtful about other guests who may be more comfortable masking and/or asking others to wear masks. Guests who may need special accommodations to protect them from COVID should talk with staff in advance of their arrival.

Groups visiting SNEUCC retreat centers are free to set more rigorous requirements for their members, with the understanding that they may be sharing common areas with other groups at times during their stay. Group leaders who are concerned about this should check with staff in advance

Because public health needs and recommendations evolve over time, **the Conference reserves the right to change these policies and practices at any time.**