

Houston CYC 2022 - NEW FAQs & COVID PROTOCOL

1. What can I expect for CYC 2022?

Houston CYC will take place from Friday, July 22nd 10AM to Sunday, July 24th 2PM at Prairie View A&M University. During this fun-filled weekend, campers can expect to take the same Chinese culture classes during the day and participate in mini-Olympics as well as a dance during the evenings. *New this year* - We will be incorporating a leadership portion for ALL campers to continue investing in our youth. Attendance will be limited, and campers must be 12 years of age or entering 7th grade to participate.

2. When do I need to drop off or pick up my child?

If your camper is not taking the bus, drop off begins at 10AM and ends at 11AM on Friday, July 22nd. Camp activities will start promptly at 11:05AM. We will have buses leaving Houston (location TBD) as early as 8AM if you do not wish to drop off your child. Parents, please ensure your camper is fully checked in prior to leaving.

Due to the shortened schedule, there will not be a closing ceremony. Similar to prior years, there are no return buses. Camper check-out will start at 2PM at Prairie View A&M University and ends at 2:30PM.

3. What about the pandemic? Does CYC require vaccines, masks, or negative tests?

At this time, we cannot require COVID-19 vaccines to attend camp due to Prairie View A&M University campus policies. Due to the shortened time frame, CYC will not require negative covid tests. At-home covid tests will be administered on an as needed basis for any camper showing symptoms at camper drop-off and during camp.

Consistent with the most recent CDC guidance ([click here, filter Waller County](#)), we highly encourage masking, especially when camp is gathered as a whole. Additionally, CYC will provide every group with hand sanitizer, hand wipes, and a few disposal surgical masks should a camper lose theirs. Temperature checks will be conducted in the mornings and on an as-needed basis.

For the safety of the other campers, please do not bring your child if he/she is showing symptoms.

4. What if my child gets sick at camp?

We are taking certain precautions to minimize the spread of illness at camp. By sending your child to camp, you are understanding the risks and accepting responsibility should they become sick. Any camper that is showing symptoms/any indication of illness (fever, chills, cough, shortness of breath, fatigue, etc) will be administered an at-home covid test by CYC Medical Staff and quarantined. Should the camper test positive, a parent and/or emergency contact will be notified. Pick up is required within 6 hours of notification by CYC Staff. During that time, Medical Staff will continue to monitor your child.

5. What is CYC's refund policy?

CYC's refund policy distinguishes between withdrawal by choice and withdrawal due to a medical emergency.

- a) A full refund less a \$20 processing fee will be issued for those who choose not to attend AND notify the CYC staff by June 30, 2022. No refunds will be issued in July.
- b) If your child is unable to attend camp due to medical reasons, including a positive covid test result, a full refund of the registration fee will be issued up until the day prior to camp if accompanied by a physician's note or proof of positive covid test result. For campers discharged from camp due to medical reasons, a pro-rated refund will be issued.

6. Camp is so different this year. Why are there so many changes?

While we would have loved to host the same camp that we grew up with, we decided to shorten it to 3 days due to various limitations this year:

- a) Campus Availability: McNeese University, our home for many years, is still recovering from the damages caused by Hurricane Laura and Delta. The University of Texas at Austin, another recent venue, could only offer dates

when school is still in session (May) or starting (August). We were accepted at Prairie View A&M due to this reduced time schedule.

- b) Staffing Shortage: Everyone has been affected by the Covid-19 pandemic, and Houston Chinese Youth Camp is no exception. As a 501(c)3 non-profit, we rely on passionate individuals to volunteer their most valuable resource - their time. After a two year hiatus, the pipeline for all positions has been impacted. Our experienced Counselor/Assistant Counselors that have been critical in supporting new C/ACs have graduated. The Management Team of prior years are experiencing life milestones of their own, from promotions in their professional life to engagements and babies in their personal life. What remains similarly difficult is finding volunteer Camp Staff. With a shortened time frame that occurs over the weekend, we hope this will allow for greater flexibility and participation, especially Medical Staff who are a much needed resource during these times. **If you're interested in volunteering, please contact us at info@HoustonCYC.com.**
- c) Safety is #1: At a new campus, with a new schedule, in a new world, CYC is trying to evolve and grow. Taking it one baby step at a time and ALWAYS prioritizing everyone's health and safety, we are making plans that stick to CYC's roots - Heritage. Leadership. Friendship. Thank you for your patience, understanding, and continued support! We are so excited for CYC 2022, and hope you are too!