



November 18, 2021

Dear Camp Newman Families, Alumni and Friends,

We are hard at work planning for an incredible summer ahead, and as always, the health and safety of our entire community is our main priority. We are so grateful for the 515 campers and their families who are already registered - and the hundreds more to come - who will join us in Summer 2022.

After a summer of successfully keeping COVID-19 out of our camp community in 2021 - thanks to the support and trust of our incredible staff, campers and their families - we're writing to share a couple of important policy updates for Summer 2022:

Vaccine Requirements

For Summer 2022, we are requiring all age eligible campers, staff, volunteers, and guests on our camp properties to be fully vaccinated, as defined by the CDC, against COVID-19. The URJ has a long history of requiring vaccinations for our community, and we believe strongly that preserving life and maintaining the health of our entire community is a core Jewish value. Knowing that our entire age-eligible community will be vaccinated against COVID-19 allows us to also adjust other mitigation strategies from this past summer. We will have additional information about these adjustments in the coming months, but we look forward to returning to a more typical summer experience in many ways.

Staff Days Off

For Summer 2022, we plan to return to a more typical time off policy for our staff that includes time off of our camp properties, where staff will have autonomy over their own time. Our staff truly went above and beyond in Summer 2021, living onsite at camp for 8-10 weeks without time away from our campus. In consultation with our medical advisors, we believe that we can safely return to more traditional time off in Summer 2022. As always, the health and well-being of our entire community is our highest priority and we expect staff to behave in ways that hold this value dear, in balance with local COVID-19 conditions, and guidance from local and state health authorities.

We continue to follow the guidance of the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), American Camp Association (ACA), and our URJ Medical Taskforce as we plan for next summer. We are so grateful to our families for the support this past summer in ensuring the wellbeing of our entire community and we appreciate your continued trust, partnership, and patience.

Should you have questions, please email campnewman@urj.org.

As the Chanukah and Thanksgiving season nears and our team prepares to take time with family, we have so much to be thankful for and reflect upon. After four years away, we returned to and rededicated our home on Porter Creek Road with a summer of in-person connections, friendship, and joyful Judaism.

And we are thankful for YOU, our incredible community, for enabling us to reach this moment.

With gratitude for your on-going support,

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