



COVID Policies for Summer 2023

Vaccinations: All staff, faculty, and campers must have the initial two-dose series of COVID vaccines. We highly recommend the Bivalent booster as well.

Pre-Arrival Guidelines: We ask that all staff, faculty, volunteers and participants follow these guidelines for pre-arrival COVID (and non-COVID viral illness) mitigation:

- Pre-Travel Behavioral Mitigation: for 5 days prior to arrival, avoid crowded indoor spaces *or* wear masks in crowded indoor spaces. Contact your camp or program if you have a known high transmission exposure in your household.
- Travel Behavioral Mitigation: wear a KN95 mask in airports, on airplanes, and in other crowded travel environments.

Pre-Travel:

- Rapid Antigen Tests: Everyone will be asked to take a rapid antigen test before traveling to camp (either before meeting the bus, before arriving at camp by car, or before getting on an airplane). Those traveling by plane will send results to our team, those meeting our buses will show our staff who are present, and those arriving onsite will show our team directly at camp. We will send out further instructions closer to your arrival day.
- Exposure & Symptom Screening: Every camper must review the exposure and symptom screening check list that will be sent out before arrival.

At Camp:

- We will only be conducting rapid antigen tests on camp when a camper shows symptoms of COVID and meets certain testing criteria. We will NOT be conducting surveillance testing this summer.
- Should we have multiples cases of COVID in a bunk, we may test campers and staff to help prevent further spread.
- Should a camper contract COVID while at camp, we will do what we can to keep them onsite. Due to limited space and health center staff capacity, we may ask folks that live within a certain distance from camp to pick up their children for a short period of home isolation. Campers may return to regular activities after:
 - A minimum of 48 hours in isolation *and*
 - 24 hours without a fever (if they presented with fever) *and*
 - Significant symptom improvement.

- No matter your distance away from camp, please ALWAYS have an emergency plan in place in the event that your child needs to be picked up from camp and taken offsite to recuperate from COVID or another illness. We must always balance our need to take care of those who are ill with our ability and capacity to continue to care for more than 500 other folks onsite.
- We do not plan to mask while at camp. However, we will have a supply of three-ply and KN95 masks onsite at all times.
- Should anything change in regards to COVID, we will consult our medical advisory team member who will help us elevate protocols based on a series of medical protocols. Families would be notified in this instance.

As always, our main goals are health, safety, and FUN!! We hope to mitigate bringing COVID into camp as much as possible so we can focus on building community, celebrating summer through joyful Judaism, and creating amazing memories together. Should you have any questions about our COVID policies specifically, please reach out to me, Rabbi Allie, directly at afischman@urj.org.