





Thank
You!

What We Know...

- California “Safer-at-Home” order still in effect for the foreseeable future
- Both Los Angeles County and Ventura County have begun stage 2: Gradually opening some lower-risk workplaces including childcare
- Federal re-entry criteria relies heavily on widespread availability of testing
- American Camp Association (ACA) & CDC recommendations rolling in

YOUTH PROGRAMS AND CAMPS DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC



The purpose of this tool is to assist directors or administrators in making (re)opening decisions regarding youth programs and camps during the COVID-19 pandemic. It is important to check with state and local health officials and other partners to determine the most appropriate actions while adjusting to meet the unique needs and circumstances of the local community.

Should you consider opening?

- ✓ Will reopening be consistent with applicable state and local orders?
- ✓ Are you ready to protect children and employees at higher risk for severe illness?
- ✓ Are you able to screen children and employees upon arrival for symptoms and history of exposure?

ANY
NO

DO NOT
OPEN

Are recommended health and safety actions in place?

- ✓ Promote healthy hygiene practices such as hand washing and employees wearing a cloth face covering, as feasible
- ✓ Intensify cleaning, disinfection, and ventilation of facilities and transport vehicles/buses
- ✓ Encourage social distancing through increased spacing, small groups, and limited mixing between groups, and staggered scheduling, arrival, and drop off, if feasible
- ✓ Where feasible, adjust activities and procedures to limit sharing of items such as toys, belongings, supplies, and equipment
- ✓ Train all employees on health and safety protocols

ANY
NO

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FIRST

Is ongoing monitoring in place?

- ✓ Develop and implement procedures to check for signs and symptoms in children and employees daily upon arrival, as feasible
- ✓ If feasible, implement enhanced screening for children and employees who have recently been present in areas of high transmission, including temperature checks and symptom monitoring
- ✓ Encourage anyone who is sick to stay home
- ✓ Plan for if children or employees get sick
- ✓ Regularly communicate and monitor developments with local authorities, employees, and families regarding cases, exposures, and updates to policies and procedures
- ✓ Monitor child and employee absences and have a pool of trained substitutes, and flexible leave policies and practices
- ✓ Be ready to consult with the local health authorities if there are cases in the facility or an increase in cases in the local area

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ALL
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OPEN
AND
MONITOR

CDC Decision Tree



cdc.gov/coronavirus

What we need...

- Clearance from local and state authorities including Ventura County Health Department
- Specificity regarding group gatherings and limitations on group sizes.
- Availability of rapid result testing

Guiding Principles for Summer 2020 planning

- Ensure the safety, health and well-being of our campers and staff.
- Choose a path that keeps Camp Alonim sustainable and allows us to develop programming for our community this summer and moving forward.
- Communicate clearly and transparently with the entire Alonim Community.

Options for Summer 2020

1. 6 weeks of in-person camper programming with appropriate modifications as necessary
2. Family retreat-style programs
3. Community engagement through virtual programming and events

We are committed to making a decision about the rest of our summer programming in the first week of June.

We have extended our full-refund cancellation policy to June 15th; there will be no charges, and no payments need to be paid prior to the June announcement.

Option 1 – In Person Camper Programming

- Best option is for this to resemble our established session structure as much as possible (2nd, 3rd, and 4th sessions)
- Division Model: Campers of the same grade come to camp together. Each division has a separate week/specified time at camp.
- Day Camp “pod” model with extended hours

Option 1 – In Person Camper Programming

For any in-person camper programming, Alonim must:

- Develop pre-arrival screening, screening upon arrival (including the potential of on-site testing), and ongoing screening throughout the camp program
- Prepare a safe and manageable medical procedure for managing COVID within a camp setting
- Modify procedures to meet social distancing and disinfecting requirements
 - This may include treating camp as a “closed campus”

Pre-Screening For Potentially High Risk Individuals

- Camp directors and administrators are being advised to implement pre-screening of campers and staff for medical clearance in order to attend camp by their primary care providers before presenting to camp. Primary care providers are in the best position to make a professional judgement based upon an individual's health status and their suitability for the camp environment at this time

Our Medical Committee's Coronavirus Preliminary Assessment

If a camper shows symptoms:

- Immediately isolate camper, medical staff wears full PPE
- Camper gets picked up from camp and space is sanitized
- Based on CDC and ACA recommendations at the time, if contact tracing is available, that camper's "pod/bunk" stays quarantined together and doesn't interact with others.
- If camper's test results are positive for COVID-19, alert parents of campers in that pod/bunk that a camper tested positive for COVID-19. Depending on CDC and ACA recommendations at that time, either all campers in that pod/bunk go home, or those campers continue to quarantine together, doing activities.
- If another camper in that pod/bunk shows symptoms, continue plan stated above.
- Alonim will decide "tipping point" based on CDC/ACA guidelines for when that whole pod or all people at camp would need to go home

Children and COVID-19

- Considerable attention is being focused by the medical community on the health of children experiencing a condition now termed as pediatric multi-system inflammatory syndrome, a rare disease affecting children that is potentially related to COVID-19. Government announcements, media accounts, and the medical literature are being tracked to provide current advice on this development.

Option 2 – Family Retreat Style Programming

- Families that have been in quarantine together can come to camp and participate in camp activities as a family unit. (All inclusive, isolated, family vacation)
 - We are currently envisioning 5 day sessions as a family unit
- Develop robust scheduling including staggered meal times/spaces to minimize interactions between families.
- Follow all cleaning/disinfecting guidelines, giving ourselves at least 48 hours to turn over living spaces.
- Allow us to hire limited number of staff for program support.

Option 3 – Virtual Programming / No In-Person Camp in 2020

If Camp Alonim is not given authority by the regulating agencies to operate in person programming this summer or

If the guidelines are so restrictive that we will not be able to offer an Alonim program in line with our mission and values, Camp Alonim will:

- Provide assistance to campers and families to process this loss and answer questions/concerns
- Plan and provide some virtual camp programming
- Plan additional programming to run throughout the year
 - Winter Camp
 - Camper Weekends
 - Family Weekends
 - Community Shabbat events and other gatherings

Looking ahead to 2021

- At this time, we plan to open registration for Summer 2021 in August.
- A wide and deep fundraising campaign must begin in June 2020 to ensure Camp Alonim's future.

Options for tuition if camp must be cancelled

We have committed to return all funds to families including the normally non-refundable deposit.

Families will be asked to consider supporting camp with some or all of their tuition.

- Donate some or all tuition...biggest help to camp.
 - Through the generosity of the Harold Grinspoon Foundation – All Together Now Matching Grant for Jewish Summer Camp - a tax deductible donation of all or any portion of your camper tuition will be **matched dollar for dollar.**
- Roll forward tuition to 2021...helps with Alonim's cash flow.
 - Roll over any payment including deposit to Summer 2021
 - If you pay in full and roll over funds, you will lock in rates for Summer 2021
- Refund in full

Your role as an Alonim Parent

- **Take time for yourself:**
 - Take time to process this information individually; Ask questions and get answers to prepare you for helping your family and friends.
- **Prepare your children:**
 - Prepare to help your kids to process this when decisions are announced. Help friends understand our decision-making process and encourage them to stay connected.
- **Stay Connected:**
 - Keep camp alive in your home and hearts. Participate in some or all of the virtual camp programming this summer.

