



Summer 2021

COVID-19 Preparedness Plan and Policies

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Please note, this is an evolving document and as information changes, so will our COVID-19 guidelines for Summer 2021. These guidelines are subject to change.

Dear Alonim community,

We are thrilled to be planning for campers to come back to Camp Alonim for Summer 2021. We are busy preparing to safely operate camp and are planning to re-open for Summer 2021, pending the approval of local authorities. **As of 3/11/21, the California Department of Public Health announced overnight camps can open with modifications, provided they are in the Red, Orange, or Yellow Tier of California's Blueprint for a Safer Economy.** Camp Alonim is in Ventura County, which as of 5/27/21, is in the Orange Tier. State guidance regarding required modifications to camp operations are informing the details in this document.

If you do not already consider Camp Alonim your "home away from home," then it is only a matter of time before you do. We also recognize that Summer 2021 will likely look different than past summers. The information in this document will allow you to stay up to date with how we are planning for Summer 2021.

The following information outlines how Camp Alonim is adapting its current policies and procedures to mitigate the risk of COVID-19 in camp. The practices and policies laid out here are subject to change. They are based on current best practices and they will evolve as more is known. Our approach in all areas of camp is based on overnight camp guidance from the California Department of Public Health, as well as COVID-19 best practices for summer camps published by the CDC and American Camp Association. Our policies and guidelines are reviewed by our Medical Committee as well as other subject matter experts when needed. Our commitment is to ensure the physical and emotional health and safety of our campers and staff.

Community Mitigation Strategies + Partnership = Summer 2021!

What does this mean? On our end, we are developing policies and procedures to keep your campers safe during Summer 2021. We will need the entire camp community (campers, parents, and staff) to buy in to this Culture of Compliance in order for camp to run.

CULTURE OF COMPLIANCE



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Capacity

Camp Alonim expects to operate in Summer 2021 at approximately 80% of our usual capacity.

Definitions

Pod: the campers and counselors in your child's cabin or bunk (where your child sleeps)

Division: a group of pods/cabins of the same grade(s)

Community Mitigation Strategies: handwashing, physical distancing, mask wearing, cleaning/disinfecting, programming outside whenever possible

HEALTH AND SAFETY

Pre-Camp Risk Mitigation

In order to mitigate the risk of COVID-19 being brought into camp, campers and their families must remain vigilant and refrain from non-essential contact with people outside of their households and immediate family for 10 days leading up to camp.

Symptom Screening

In the 7 days leading up to their session, all campers will be required to monitor and track their symptoms. The purpose for requiring symptom screening is for our campers to build habits prior to their arrival so they know what to look for independently while they are at camp, as well as prevent campers from arriving to camp with symptoms of COVID-19. We will continue to monitor symptoms during camp.

Transportation and Out of State Campers

To reduce risk of exposure while traveling to California prior to camp, we strongly encourage that you drive as opposed to fly. Unvaccinated campers who travel by plane will be required to quarantine within the state of California for a period of time equaling either 7 or 10 days, depending on the family's choice to engage in pre- and post-travel COVID-19 testing requirements. Vaccinated campers do not need to quarantine after flying. For current information on the required quarantine and other travel guidance for vaccinated and unvaccinated campers, please see:

<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/Travel-Advisory.aspx>

Pre-Arrival Testing in the Days Before Camp

*please note: our testing policy is based on the information we know **today**. Our testing protocol is subject to change.*

COVID-19 testing is mandatory for ALL campers. Families will receive instructions with a specific timeline for testing two weeks before your Opening Day and based on the current recommendations of the CDC.

Is your camper going to be fully vaccinated by Opening Day?

If so, your child only needs one negative PCR test to attend camp. Please arrange for your child to take a PCR test within 72 hours of Opening Day (to be taken at your local pharmacy, doctor's office etc).

If your child will not be fully vaccinated by Opening Day:

Your child must have two negative PCR tests:

Test 1: To be taken within 72 hours of Opening Day (to be taken at your local pharmacy, doctor's office etc).

Test 2: To be taken on Opening Day **at** camp, provided and administered by Camp Alonim.

All unvaccinated campers must register with DoctorNow, our partner clinic for Opening Day and Day 5 testing. A link to register will be sent to you 2-3 weeks prior to your Opening Day.

All campers, vaccinated or unvaccinated, must have a negative PCR test (taken within 72 hours of arrival to camp) UPLOADED INTO YOUR ALONIM ACCOUNT the day *before* Opening Day.

Regarding the first test: It is imperative that a few days prior to the test and once taken that campers and families are overly cautious, refrain from non-essential contact with people outside of their households and immediate family, practice social distancing, mask wearing, and handwashing, until arrival at camp. **YOU are our partners in risk mitigation.**

If a camper has a positive test before camp or on Opening Day: the camper will not be permitted to stay at camp and will only be able to rejoin camp following a 10-day isolation at home starting the day symptoms begin. Symptoms must also be improving throughout that 10-day isolation and the camper must go at least 24 hours with no symptoms and no fever.

If a camper tests positive for COVID-19 in either the pre-camp or Opening Day test, and cannot attend their session in its entirety, a full refund will be provided. This is also true if a **member of the camper's household** tests positive before camp and the child is required to quarantine, per CDC guidance.

Regarding Opening Day testing:

We plan to receive Opening Day test results by 9:00 p.m. that same evening. While we await results, we will maintain strict COVID-19 safety protocols: all campers will stay in masks, eat outdoors, and keep a safe distance all while engaging in the fun and traditional Opening Day activities.

If your child tests positive, we will ask you to come pick them up right away that night.

In-Camp Testing on Day 5 (First, Second, and Third Sessions only):

All unvaccinated campers and staff will participate in a Day 5 PCR test. If your child tests positive, we will ask you to come pick them up right away. See below for more information about communication protocols for positive cases.

Staff Vaccinations

Camp Alonim has implemented a **mandatory vaccine policy requiring all staff to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19.** We have implemented this policy to do our part in preventing the spread of COVID-19 and to safeguard the wellbeing of our staff, campers, and community. The only exceptions to the policy that will be allowed are for those with medical conditions or sincerely held religious beliefs that preclude them from receiving the vaccination.

Following the recommendations for overnight camps from the CDC, staff members will be permitted to leave camp for days off.

Staff Testing

Unvaccinated staff will be following the same protocols as campers. They are required to take a test prior to arrival and must arrive at camp several days before campers for Staff Orientation. Unvaccinated staff will also participate in Day 5 in-camp testing (First, Second, and Third Sessions only). Vaccinated staff will not be required to test, based on CDC guidance for vaccinated individuals.

CAMP STRUCTURE

Pods

Campers and staff should expect to be primarily with their Pod during the initial few days of each session. We will conduct a COVID-19 test on Day 5 of camp. Assuming all campers are negative, programming will expand to Divisions, for some programs. The majority of time at camp will be spent in

Pods and Divisions, and whenever multiple Divisions of the camp community gather, we will require masking, distancing, and being outdoors as much as possible. We will continue planning for camp programming with our mitigation strategies while keeping the camp magic and community feel alive.

Mask Wearing Policy

At this time, all campers and staff will be required to wear masks when inside buildings, except when eating or if only with their Pod. Some outdoor activities where physical distancing cannot be maintained will require mask wearing as well. Campers will not be required to wear a mask when inside their cabin with their Pod.

Please refer to the packing list (available in your Alonim Account) to see the required number of masks to bring to camp. Campers will be required to wear a clean mask each day and we will arrange a laundry schedule for masks that ensures they always have a clean mask to wear. Each bunk will have their own garment bag to put masks into to be washed weekly. We will also have extra masks available if a child misplaces a mask.

All masks must be legibly labeled with first and last name.

Regarding Policy Changes based on California's potential full reopening on June 15th and/or Vaccinations

Regardless of any potential statewide reopening on/around June 15th, and because we are required to implement the guidelines set forth by the California Department of Public Health and Ventura County Health Department, we do not expect to make dramatic changes to these policies. For the safety of the camp community, and to minimize any risk of transmission in camp, we plan to enforce these policies throughout the summer.

In fully vaccinated cabins and/or divisions, we *may* be able to modify some protocols based on recommendations from local and state authorities, as well as our Medical Committee, and only *after* Day 5 testing comes back 100% negative.

FACILITIES

Dining Hall

Meals and time spent in the Dining Hall are a special aspect of the Alonim experience. This will be an area that will likely look noticeably different this summer. Meals will be served with recommended community mitigation strategies. This may include staggered times and utilizing additional dining spaces. We have added new hand washing stations as well as touchless hand sanitizers outside of the entrance of the Dining Hall.

Health Center

There will be a separate triage and quarantine area for any campers or staff exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19. If any staff member or camper is identified as having a potential or confirmed case of COVID-19, they will be housed in the separate quarantine area with a dedicated health care professional to monitor their health and well-being, until they can go home.

If there is a confirmed case of COVID-19: the camper will be immediately separated from other campers and will be supervised by a medical professional. Parents will be notified to pick the camper up.

Campers in the same Pod and any others who may have had exposure, will be immediately quarantined, will be tested, and will remain quarantined together continuing their regular activities and meals separate from all other Pods, until all test results are received.

If your camper is in direct contact with a confirmed case, we will communicate with you specifically regarding the status of your child's health and wellness.

We will notify all campers' families of a confirmed case by email while maintaining confidentiality in accordance with current privacy laws.

We will notify state and local health officials of any confirmed positive test as required.

Cleaning, Handwashing & Sanitization Protocols

To minimize transfer of COVID-19 at Camp Alonim, cleaning methods will be employed to reduce the risk of transmission. Protocols will include cleaning of communal spaces, shared items, frequently touched surfaces and overall handwashing and sanitizing.

- An electrostatic spray will be used in programmatic areas of camp with EPA hospital-grade disinfectant.
- Hand-sanitizer stations will be placed in all buildings, cabins, and high-traffic areas.
- Handwashing will be required prior to all meals and snacks.
- Our staff will clean all communal bathrooms, shared spaces, and highly touched surfaces multiple times a day.
- Campers and counselors will be given a designated time each day to thoroughly clean the cabin.
- Program equipment used by each Pod will be sanitized before and after each use.
- Additional signage will be posted throughout camp as a reminder of health protocols.

Visitors

To ensure we keep the camp community safe and free from COVID-19, visitors, guests, and volunteers will not be permitted. Exceptions to this policy are minimal and at the discretion of Camp Alonim's Director Aaron Goldberg.

CONCLUSION

Thank you for partnering with us to provide a safe, healthy camp experience in 2021. We will all be relying on one another to ensure a safe Summer 2021. This plan is written to reflect what camp would look like if it were to run today. We are regularly updating this document to reflect any changes made to policies and best practice recommendations to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Check our website FAQ for our most current plans.