



**Summer 2022**

# **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 2022. 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 2022. We are busy preparing to safely operate camp and are planning to open for Summer 2022, pending the approval of local authorities.

If you do not already consider Camp Alonim your “home away from home,” then it is only a matter of time before you do. The information in this document will allow you to stay up to date with how we are planning for Summer 2022.

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 guidance from a variety of sources, including the California Department of Public Health, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (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 2022!

What does this mean? On our end, we are developing policies and procedures to keep your campers safe during Summer 2022. 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.

### 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

### Vaccination Policy

The physical and emotional health and safety of our community is our top priority. At the recommendation of American Jewish University's Administration as well as the Camp Alonim Medical Committee, all campers and staff must be **fully vaccinated and up to date against COVID-19** to be able to join us this summer. **This includes a 3<sup>rd</sup> dose (booster) for all eligible campers aged 12 and up.** Booster shots are available for campers aged 5-11 and are strongly recommended, but not required at this time. We believe that adding the COVID-19 vaccine to our list of required vaccines (as seen below) is an essential tool in our strategy to decrease the risk of preventable illnesses at camp and in creating a safe and healthy camp community and camper experience.

Below are the required vaccines for admission to Camp Alonim and Gan Alonim Day Camp:

- MMR: Measles, Mumps, and Rubella – 2 doses
- DTaP: Diphtheria, Tetanus, and acellular Pertussis – 5 doses
- Tdap Booster: Tetanus, Diphtheria, and acellular Pertussis – By ages 11-12 (7<sup>th</sup> grade)
- Hepatitis B – 3 doses
- PV: Inactivated Polio Vaccine – 4-5 doses
- Varicella (Chickenpox) – 2 doses
- Meningococcal – 1 dose between ages 11-12 and a booster between ages 16-18
- COVID-19 – **Fully vaccinated, including a 3<sup>rd</sup> dose (booster) for all eligible campers aged 12 and up.** Booster shots are available for campers aged 5-11 and are strongly recommended, but not required at this time. To check your camper's booster shot eligibility, please reference the [CDC guidelines](#).
  - The second (or third if eligible) dose must be given at least two weeks prior to the camper's arrival to camp

The following vaccinations are highly recommended but are not required:

- Hepatitis A – 2 doses
- Influenza – Annual Vaccination

### **Pre-Camp Risk Mitigation**

In order to mitigate the risk of COVID-19 being brought into camp, we ask that campers and their families remain vigilant and refrain from non-essential contact with people outside of their households and immediate family for 7 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.

### **COVID-19 Testing**

COVID-19 testing is mandatory for ALL campers. *Please note: our testing policy is based on the information we know **today**. Our testing protocol is subject to change.*

**Due to the recent surge, we are modifying testing requirements where applicable. See below for which testing requirements apply to your children.**

### **IF YOUR CHILD TESTS POSITIVE FOR COVID-19 WITHIN 90 DAYS OF THEIR ARRIVAL TO CAMP:**

Please submit a copy of your child's positive test to [alonim@aju.edu](mailto:alonim@aju.edu) ahead of your child's arrival. Those campers with proof of infection within 90 days of arrival to camp will be exempt from **PCR testing**.

Instead of PCR testing, these campers will be required to take a pre-camp **antigen** test within 72 hours of Opening Day. This test can either be administered at the doctor, CVS etc, or an at-home test is sufficient. In addition, Camp Alonim will administer another antigen test to your child on Opening Day.

**Your pre-camp antigen test must be uploaded into your Alonim Account the day *before* Opening Day.**

**FOR ALL OTHER CAMPERS, see below about PCR testing.**

### **Pre-Arrival Testing:**

All campers (excluding those that have had COVID-19 within 90 days of their arrival to camp) are required to take a **PCR test** within 72 hours of Opening Day (to be taken at your local pharmacy, doctor's office etc. See recommendations below). For this group, **antigen tests cannot be accepted**.

**All families must upload their child's negative results INTO YOUR ALONIM ACCOUNT the day *before* Opening Day.**

**A note about the pre-camp PCR 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.**

You may choose any location for your child's pre-camp PCR test. We have seen excellent turnaround times with Kaiser, CVS, and Exer Urgent Care.

Our partner clinic for on-site camper testing, **DoctorNow**, typically provides results within 24 hours and testing is of no cost to you: (424) 249-3038.

These suggestions are based on our experience during Summer 2021. **You may go anywhere for your PCR test.**

### **Opening Day Testing:**

In addition to the pre-camp PCR test, Camp Alonim will administer Opening Day PCR tests to all campers that have not had COVID-19 within 90 days of arrival to camp. These tests are provided and administered by our partner clinic, DoctorNow. DoctorNow also works with us for any testing needs once camp is in session, including any routine maintenance testing or testing needed for symptomatic campers.

All campers, **both new and returning**, must register with DoctorNow. Though you may have registered for Summer or Winter 2021, it's best practice to have each family review and resign consents and other documents, including updating your insurance if necessary. A link to register has been sent to you.

### **A note about 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 distanced, eat outdoors, and stay safe all while engaging in the fun and traditional Opening Day activities. Campers will need masks when indoors for unpacking, and possibly other times on Opening Day, though we are planning for the day to be primarily outdoors so mask use will be minimal.

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

### **In-Camp Testing on Day 3:**

All campers and staff that have not had COVID-19 within 90 days of arrival to camp, will participate in a Day 3 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.

Note: the timing of this test may change, and/or additional maintenance testing may be added.

Campers and staff that have had COVID-19 within 90 days of their arrival to camp are exempt from Day 3 PCR testing.

### **What if my child tests positive on any of the 3 required tests?**

If a camper has a positive test: the camper will not be permitted to be at camp and will only be able to rejoin camp following an isolation period (length to be determined) at home starting the day symptoms begin. Symptoms must also be improving throughout the isolation and the camper must go at least 24 hours with no symptoms and no fever. A negative antigen test will be required to return to camp. Camp fees will be prorated for the days of camp missed.

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, resulting in the camper not being able to attend camp.

### Staff Testing:

Staff will be following the same pre-camp testing 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. Staff will also participate in maintenance testing as determined necessary by the camp administration.

## 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. For current information on travel guidance, please reference the [CDC recommendations](#).

Please be sure that your emergency contacts listed for camp are located in California, and could pick up your child right away if your child tests positive for COVID-19.

## CAMP STRUCTURE

### Pods

Campers and staff should expect to be primarily with their Pod (bunk) during the initial few days of each session. We expect to conduct a COVID-19 test on Day 3 of camp. Assuming all campers are negative, programming will expand to a more traditional camp experience, where campers from different Pods and Divisions can participate normally in activities together, especially outdoors.

### Mask Wearing Policy

*Please note: our mask wearing policy is based on the information we know **today**. This is subject to change if guidance is updated for Summer 2022.*

Based on the California Department of Public Health guidance from Summer 2021, it is likely that **masking will not be required this summer at Camp Alonim due to full community vaccination status**. In an abundance of caution and at the advice of our Medical Committee, we may need to implement use of masks indoors at certain times, particularly at the start of each session while we await test results. Campers will not be required to wear a mask when inside their cabin with their Pod (except when unpacking Opening Day), nor outdoors at any time.

Please refer to the packing list (available in your Alonim Account) to see the required number of masks (and type of masks) to bring to camp. We will have extra masks available if a child misplaces a mask.

## 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 may 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.

To assist with anticipated volume of testing needs this summer, each camper should bring 2 antigen tests (1 box) to camp with them. Please label the box and we will store it in the Health Center. Unused tests will go home with your child.

## **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 are required to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 and will undergo pre-arrival testing and health screening requirements in order to come into camp.

# **CONCLUSION**

Thank you for partnering with us to provide a safe, healthy camp experience in Summer 2022. This plan is written to reflect what camp would look like if it were to run today. Camp Alonim, as a congregate and

communal setting, believes that the measures above maximize our ability to run camp as close to normal as possible. We will all be relying on one another to ensure a safe summer. 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.