

Camp Mosh 2023 COVID Policy



Rationale

Maintaining the health, safety, and well-being of all the members of the Mosh community is important to us and we will continue to follow best medical and public health practices in order to achieve those goals. The congregate living environment of summer camp, which can significantly increase COVID transmission, presents a unique set of circumstances and risks unlike any other. These circumstances require unique policies that may be different from school or other settings.

Covid Vaccination

Camp Moshava requires that those who are in residence at camp are vaccinated according to the schedule recommended by the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) and the CDC. This includes vaccinations for COVID. The primary COVID vaccination series (2 doses) and bivalent booster (1 dose) are required for all staff and participants who are eligible, in accordance with the recommendations of the AAP and the CDC.

Pre-Arrival

In order to ensure that campers arrive to Mosh healthy, we strongly urge that campers, staff and their household members minimize exposure in the week prior to camp. This means minimizing indoor, unmasked, group activities. We also urge parents to check their child for any symptoms of illness prior to camp. All campers and staff must arrive at Camp Mosh without obvious infection.

Anyone coming to camp must submit a rapid antigen test 24 hours before their arrival to covid19test@campmosh.org. Mosh will be conducting rapid-antigen testing upon arrival for everyone at camp, including staff, campers, and visitors. Mosh will conduct testing for campers at the bus stop prior to boarding or at camp drop-off prior to leaving the car.

In-Camp Practices

By entering into the summer with a COVID vaccinated community, we start from a place of health and wellbeing, positioning us to move through the summer with lower incidents of COVID and milder illness if it occurs. By requiring this COVID vaccination series prior to camp, we can drastically decrease our in-camp mitigation. We will not employ cohorting or masking as part of this summer's standard COVID mitigation strategies. We will continue to employ healthy habits for healthy communities, including hygiene and cleanliness.

We will test all campers on the fourth day of each session, as a measure to curb spread if COVID has entered camp.

Symptom-Based Testing

We will use our established health and wellness procedures for any community member experiencing any illness at camp. We will conduct rapid antigen tests of campers and staff with symptoms consistent with COVID. If anyone tests positive on two rapid antigen tests in succession (to make sure the first is not a false positive), we will consider them COVID positive.

In the Case of Being COVID Positive

Once a camper is deemed COVID positive, we will isolate them in the health center and reach out to their family to inform them and make plans for pickup. We do not have the space nor the staffing to allow campers to remain at camp with COVID or any other communicable illnesses that remain contagious. All families should make a plan before the summer for the possibility of picking up their camper. Staff will pack campers' belongings while the camper remains in the health center until they are picked up.

We are following the [CDC's Isolation Recommendations](#) to guide when campers may return to camp. Families should count the first onset of symptoms as day 0. If the camper has no fever and improving symptoms, they will take two negative rapid antigen tests, conducted 48 hours apart, after day 5. This means that campers may take a first rapid antigen test on day 5 and a second on day 7. If both are negative, they may return to camp. If at least one is positive, camper may not return to camp until they achieve two negative antigen tests conducted 48 hours apart. After day 10, camper may return to camp even if they continue to test positive, if they are no longer symptomatic. Mosh staff will communicate these guidelines to families over the phone as they prepare to pick up their camper, help families plan the timing of testing, and give any other support needed.

Close Contacts

If a camper is COVID positive, we will monitor the symptoms of those in their living space for three subsequent days by bringing these campers and staff to the health center for daily symptom checks. If we identify another positive camper in that living space, we will reset the day counter and monitor symptoms for those in the living space for three days from then.

If a critical number of campers in an age group (as determined by medical staff and camp leadership) are COVID positive, then we may test the whole age group.

We do not plan to send anyone home unless they are COVID positive.

Staff Off-Time

Staff are required to minimize exposure to COVID during their off time. This means no indoor, unmasked public activities or other high-exposure environments.

To minimize disruption within camp and ensure community health, the implementation and substance of this policy is up to the discretion of camp leadership. If we need to make any changes, we will do so, and will commit to communicating them out as promptly as possible.