



As we get closer to opening day of *Kayitz* (summer) 2022, Camp Ramah in the Berkshires, in consultation with the National Ramah Commission's Medical Committee and our local Department of Health, has been closely monitoring the latest COVID-19 developments and is continuously making adjustments to our policies with the goal of providing our campers and staff a safe and healthy experience. **Please watch our June 1 [Parent Town Hall](#) for the latest COVID-19 protocols.**

As of now, these are Ramah Berkshires' COVID-19 policies:

Notification of Camper's Covid Status:

Campers who have had Covid in the 90 days before camp (via PCR or Rapid Antigen) will be exempt from pre-Camp testing. Please see chart below for exact cut off dates. We will test these campers during the summer if medically appropriate.

	Exemption cut off	PreCamp Testing	Arrival Date
Full and First Session	30-Mar	25-Jun	28-Jun
Ta'am I	26-Apr	22-Jul	25-Jul
Second Session	27-Apr	23-Jul	26-Jul
Ta'am II	3-May	29-Jul	1-Aug
Ta'am III	9-May	4-Aug	7-Aug

If you would like your child to be exempt from the pre-Camp Covid testing, please complete the short form on your [Forms Dashboard](#) entitled "Request for PreCamp Testing Exemption." This form needs to be completed at least 5 days before your child arrives at Camp in order to be considered for the exemption.

We are NOT collecting proof of positive tests from the period leading up to camp. We are relying on your commitment to keep our community healthy and to minimize the disruption that Covid may cause. Thank you for completing the questionnaire honestly and on time!

Pre-Camp Testing:

We STRONGLY recommend **PCR** testing your children 6 days before the start of camp. This way, if they are asymptomatic at that time and test positive, AND remain asymptomatic, they may be able to come up to Camp on opening day.

We require you to **Rapid Antigen** test your campers 3 days before the start of Camp (see chart above for testing dates). Label the test cartridge or card with their name and upload a PDF image of your camper's results on the [Forms Dashboard](#) "PreCamp Rapid Antigen Results."

Please bring one unopened 15- or 20-minute **Rapid Antigen** test per camper to the bus stop. As we get closer to opening day, we will provide further details about the testing process.

Campers who test positive will go home immediately for their isolation and quarantine period for a minimum of five days. The last 24-hour period before consideration of re-entry into camp must be symptom-free. Upon completing of this isolation period, please be in touch with the Marp to receive guidance on the most up-to-date return policies, post-isolation protocols and testing. This will allow our team to safely arrange your camper's return to Camp.

Any child who goes home will get a phone call and a letter. We will specify at that time what we will need to have done to come back to Camp (isolation for 5 days, 24 hours without symptoms, likely rapid test, discussion with the Marp for clearance).

We will be constantly monitoring the prevalence of Covid in our communities and may need to alter our plans accordingly with the intention of keeping your children and our Ramah community healthy and safe.

Important Reminders:

Boosters are required of all campers and staff aged 12 and above. If your child turns 12 in the time between when you submitted their vaccine card and the beginning of Camp, please upload the updated card to on the [Forms Dashboard](#).

Boosters are now approved for children aged 5 to 11. We are encouraging—but not requiring—this age group to get a booster vaccination.

All medical forms were due April 25th. Please submit any late forms as soon as possible so that our medical team can review them before the start of camp.

Please reach out to Tali Herman at marp@ramahberkshires.org with any questions.

We appreciate your help ensuring a fun and healthy summer and look forward to greeting your children!

Today rabah,

The Ramah Berkshires team