

COVID Policy - new update for '23

We are writing to update and outline our COVID policies for 2023 including vaccine requirements and booster recommendations. Our goal, as always, is to provide a healthy and safe camp experience. Additionally, we want to run camp this summer with as little disruption as possible due to COVID.

Our professional staff and medical team have been working together to craft a policy that is medically sound and works for the camp setting. After further consideration we have updated our policy to **require the initial COVID vaccination series and strongly recommend one bivalent booster prior to camp. This is a change from our original announcement.**

Camp is a different environment than home and school. We are a close community of approximately 900 people living in close quarters. We have campers and staff with varied health needs and challenges. This policy is in line with the updated guidance from The National Ramah Medical committee which can be found [here](#). Although we believe the booster is the best choice, the vast majority of overnight camps and schools are not requiring the booster. We feel our policy must fit in the range of the camping industry standard.

Our goal is to provide a healthy and safe camp experience and ensure ample time for our staff, campers, and their families to become familiar with our protocols.

We are looking forward to a joyous summer at camp - filled with friends, laughter, learning and fun!

L'hitraot in Berkshires,

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