

Camp JCC

Covid-19 Summer Camp Addendum

The information contained in this document pertains to the Camp JCC summer camp program for children entering Pre-K through 8th grade. It supplements the JCC of the Lehigh Valley's Covid-19 Health & Safety Policy, which is posted on our website. Both documents are subject to change at any time, based on public health standards, industry practices, governmental regulations, and the needs of the Camp JCC program.

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Overview

This Addendum describes the processes in place for Summer 2022 at the JCC of the Lehigh Valley's Camp JCC program. All campers, staff, and visitors are required to follow these procedures and guidelines at all times; failure to do so may result in dismissal from our program without a refund. Even with these precautions, there is no guarantee that Covid-19 will not be contracted or spread at our facility or through our program. This plan is subject to change at any time if the JCC's leadership determines that it is in the best interest of the JCC, the camp, and/or our program participants; this may include the loosening or tightening of restrictions before or during the summer. As always, any governmental requirements, laws or mandates will supersede these policies.

Resources

This plan was constructed utilizing research, data, recommendations and best practices from the American Camp Association, the Pennsylvania Department of Health, and the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

General Approach

Camp JCC seeks to balance the needs of campers and our program with community health. Generally, children are at low risk for severe disease from Covid-19, and vaccines and new treatments have been widely available for children ages 5+ for many months, further lowering the overall risk to children.

Health screening: All families are expected to conduct basic health screening of their campers each morning, including looking for Covid-related symptoms and conducting a temperature check. For those with Covid-related symptoms:

- Those with any Covid-related symptoms should not come to camp, seek medical evaluation, and be cleared by a medical professional to return to a group care environment.
- Those with respiratory symptoms and/or a high fever must additionally test negative for Covid-19 via a PCR test or via two rapid antigen tests taken no less than 24 hours apart. In the latter case, the JCC reserves the right to also conduct a rapid antigen test upon the child's return.
- Those with a known close contact and displaying Covid-related symptoms are presumed to be Covid-positive and may not return to camp unless they have a negative PCR test or have completed a 5-day self-isolation.

Knowingly sending symptomatic children to camp without following these procedures to properly return to care may result in removal from the Camp JCC program without refund.

Contact tracing and quarantine: The JCC will conduct contact tracing should any campers or staff members test positive for Covid-19, and notify parents whose children have a known or suspected close contact accordingly. Parents who are notified of a close contact may optionally quarantine their children for a period of 5-10 days based on their preferences and risk tolerances, and may be eligible for a full or partial refund based on their child's age and vaccination status if they choose to do so.

Reporting: Parents are required to report any Covid-related symptoms and any pending test results (as well as the results once received). Failure to properly report these items may result in removal from the Camp JCC program without refund.

Vaccination: The JCC strongly encourages all age-eligible individuals to be vaccinated with an FDA-approved Covid-19 vaccine. Vaccination is safe and effective, and has been widely available for children ages 5+ since November 2021. Vaccination is required for all JCC staff members, program contractors and volunteers, and is encouraged for all age-eligible campers. In the event time at camp is missed as a result of Covid-19, proof of vaccination (if age-eligible) will be required to be eligible for a refund.

Communication

Before the Summer

Camp JCC staff will conduct an information session with parents in which our policies are explained, and parents have the opportunity to ask questions. A recording or summary of this session will be made available afterward and disseminated via e-mail.

During the Summer

Camp JCC communicates regularly with parents throughout any given week of camp. Our primary method of communication is e-mail, and parents are responsible for providing a correct e-mail address and checking it on a daily basis. As it relates to Covid-19, we will notify parents if there are any confirmed Covid-19 cases in their child's group, or if we otherwise believe their child to have been a close contact with someone who had Covid-19. In the event your child develops any Covid-like symptoms while at camp, we will call the listed parents/guardians at the phone numbers you have supplied.

Activity Procedures

Cohorting

Campers primarily travel around camp in groups or cohorts, which stay the same throughout the week. Cohorts are based on age/grade, and typically are 15 campers with two counselors. Campers may occasionally mix with campers in other cohorts, such as during morning and afternoon flagpole, at all-camp events, on field trips, and during extended care.

Extended Care

Campers participating in extended care (morning and/or afternoon) must be dropped off or picked up directly from the room inside our building where the program is taking place. Campers may be mixed together with campers in other cohorts and programs, although campers entering Pre-K and Kindergarten will not be mixed with older campers. Camp staff is unable to retrieve children from outside in the morning or deliver them outside in the afternoon; they must be dropped off and picked up inside.

Eating

Camper groups eat twice a day: during lunch, and a snack. (Additional snacks may be provided during extended care.) In both cases, most campers will eat with their cohort in shaded areas outside. The youngest age cohorts (Pre-K and Kindergarten) will eat indoors to benefit from the air conditioning and to have time to rest and “wind down.” For reasons relating to both Covid-19 and *kashrut*, sharing of food is not allowed.

Transportation and Field Trips

Camp JCC will provide bus transportation for various off-site field trips throughout the summer. The youngest age cohorts (entering Pre-K and Kindergarten) do not participate in off-site field trips. While on a bus, windows will be opened if possible to improve ventilation. Field trips are a mix of indoors and outdoors, and also are a mix of private experiences and being among the general public.

All-Camp Events

All-camp events will take place throughout the summer. Although campers will participate in events with their camper cohort, multiple cohorts may be in the same place at the same time. Examples include the entire camp being seated together for a magician performance in the auditorium, or multiple groups participating in the camp carnival at the same time.

Health & Safety Measures

Hand Hygiene

Campers and staff will be encouraged to use soap and hand sanitizer throughout the day to maintain proper hand hygiene. Bathrooms are available on every level of the JCC building, and portable restrooms with soap and water are available throughout the outdoor portion of the facility. Hand sanitizer is available throughout the facility.

Suspected Cases

Campers who display any symptom of Covid-19 after their arrival at camp will be removed from their group and held in a quarantine room with a staff member. The child's parents will be contacted for immediate pick-up. The child may not return to camp until clearing the protocols described in the JCC's Covid-19 Health & Safety Plan.

Refunds

Families may cancel any camp session without penalty on or before May 15, 2022, with the refund being returned to the original form of payment. On or after May 16, 2022, any changes or cancellations for any reason (including due to changes to the JCC's Covid-19 Health & Safety Policies) must be received at least 2 weeks prior to the start of a session, and are subject to a \$25 administrative fee, with the remaining fees refunded as a system credit for use toward any future JCC program. Within 2 weeks of the start of a session, no changes or refunds are permitted for any reason.

The JCC may also offer a refund in the following circumstances:

- A vaccinated camper (or one that is not yet age-eligible for vaccination) is withheld from a JCC program because they have symptoms related to Covid-19 and are awaiting Covid-19 test results;
- A vaccinated camper (or one that is not yet age-eligible for vaccination) has received a positive Covid-19 test result and is self-isolating;
- A camper that is not age-eligible for vaccination is quarantining (at their option) due to close contact at a JCC program with someone with a probable or confirmed case of Covid-19;
- A vaccinated camper (or one that is not yet age-eligible for vaccination) has been instructed by the JCC to quarantine; or
- The program a camper is attending has been canceled or suspended at the JCC's discretion.

The JCC has the right to request documentation to support the reason for a child being withheld from a program. Note that children who are age-eligible for vaccination but choose not to be vaccinated are not eligible for refunds if they miss time at camp due to Covid-19 symptoms, testing, infection and/or quarantine. All campers are assumed to be unvaccinated until they show proof of vaccination.

Any refund in these circumstances will depend on the number of days of the camp program missed in any given week. Any day in which a camper attends, either in whole or in part, shall be considered a full day of attendance. Refunds will follow these guidelines:

- If 1 or 2 days in a camp week are missed, no refund will be issued.
- If 3 or 4 days in a camp week are missed, a 50% refund will be issued.
- If all 5 days in a camp week are missed, a 100% refund will be issued.

If a refund is issued, it will first be applied to any outstanding balance on the family's account. It will then be applied to any child care fees scheduled for the future (such as ECE or JLounge tuition). If a credit still remains, it will be left on the family's account as a system credit to be used for any future JCC program or fee.