

Camp Gan Israel

Summer 2020

Parent Handbook

COVID-19 Camp Policies and Procedures - A Comprehensive Breakdown of Camp Modifications

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Directors Preface

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Dear Parents,

As we prepare for the upcoming summer at Camp Gan Israel, first and foremost in our minds is the safety and wellbeing of our campers and staff.

The information contained in these pages reflect discussions with our Camp staff and guidance from the AHS. We have done our best to provide you with a clear, concise and practical outline of what we have planned for the camp season.

Please know that we will be in contact with the AHS to keep up to date with changes that may occur during the summer camp and will share them with you. Keeping camp safe this summer is a work in progress and we keep looking out for ways to make it better and safer.

With all necessary precautions in place and our vigilance during the summer, we are confident that we could provide your children with an exciting and fun summer experience. Nonetheless, we cannot guarantee that COVID-19 or other illnesses will not occur at camp this summer. No camp can make that guarantee. Please make the best decision for you and your family. We do have the option of "Gan Izzy - My Home" program for those children who are staying at home. You can contact us for more details.

The success of our summer depends upon all families openly and honestly communicating whether anyone in their home has tested positive or even has any related symptoms.

It is ok to contract COVID-19. It can happen to anyone, even if they are adhering to stay-at-home directives and social distancing protocols. Stigma or silence surrounding this is counterproductive. If we're open and honest with each other, we are in for the best chance of keeping camp— and the joy that it brings to so many families— open all summer.

As always, feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns that you may have over the summer.

With heartfelt prayers for a well-deserved safe, healthy and enjoyable summer for our campers!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Rochel Matusof

Director

Group Size & Physical distancing

Physical distancing:

CGI will operate in the size of 1 legal cohort (up to 50 ppl including staff) **or smaller**, to prevent the amount of exposure to camp families.

- Within the Cohort:
 - We will encourage and plan the activities etc. for as much physical distancing as possible
 - Campers, parents and staff may not greet each other with hugs or handshakes. Rather we can greet campers with an "air high five"!
 - We are planning for as many Physically Distant activities as possible, that don't require close contact between campers or clustering around a particular item.
 - We will take care to, as much as possible, set up barriers and markers and appropriate seating arrangements for each activity, to help control physical distancing.

Health & Screening

Screening:

- Parents must take the temperatures of their children every day before coming to camp
- Staff will conduct active screening of each child together with the parent, every day as they drop off their children.

- We will do the same for staff members
- You will be asked to remain at home / go back home, if you have:
 - Symptoms, or feel sick, even resembling a mild cold, including:
 - Fever
 - Cough
 - Shortness of breath
 - Sore throat
 - Runny nose / nasal congestion
 - Nasal congestion
 - Headache
 - Nausau / Vomiting / Diarrhea
 - Muscle or Joint aches
 - Headache
 - Pink eye
 - Loss of sense of taste or smell
 - General feeling of being unwell
 - Traveled from another country within the past 14 days
 - Had close contact with a confirmed case of covid-19 in the past 14 days

If someone develops symptoms during camp:

- Child will be isolated from other children
- Parent will be notified to pick up child immediately. Please be sure to be available in case of this need.
- Staff will wear a mask and will sanitize before and after touching any items used by the child, while continuing to care for child until picked up.
- Staff that develop symptoms will immediately remove themselves from any contact with others, will notify the director and then go home.
- After the child/staff is picked up, all items they used will be disinfected or isolated for 24 hours before further use.

If someone in camp tests positive:

- we will be required to participate in contact tracing and will follow the instructions from AHS who will advise us if camp needs to close.

Masks & Protective Gear

Masks:

- Each staff member and camper will be required to wear masks whenever physical distancing is not possible.

- Any Staff member or camper is allowed to wear a mask at any additional time, if they or their parents feel more comfortable this way.

Drop Off & Pick Up

Drop off / Pick up Procedures:

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- Try as much as possible to have 1 parent or guardian designated for pick up and drop off
- We will be allowing 1 car to drop-off and pick up children at a time, to control social distancing. Please be patient until it's your turn.
- Your child will be screened before being allowed to be dropped off.
- Alcohol- based hand sanitizer containing at least 60% alcohol content will be placed at the entrance for all entering to use immediately upon arriving.
- Parents will not be allowed into camp.
- Your child's arrival and dismissal will be recorded on our Covid-19 Tracing Log, which will be used for tracing purposes, per guidance of the AHS

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Program

Activities:

- Activities will be carefully selected and appropriately modified if necessary to increase opportunities for physical distancing (and for less sharing of surfaces.)
- Activities will be set up with the appropriate barriers, markers and/or seating.arrangements, to promote physical distancing.
- We will only do games and activities that do not require shared items, or that give time for sanitizing between campers.
- Drama and dance are considered to be higher-risk activities and will be managed with appropriate physical distancing and floor markings.
- **Group** singing is not allowed.

Trips and Swimming:

 Any trips and activities that require group transportation are prohibited by the AHS, so there will not be any swimming or outings.

Lunch & Snack

Lunch and Snack:

- Lunch and snacks are provided in camp. All food is prepared in accordance with the guidelines of AHS and beyond.
- You may send a water bottle with your child and it will be sanitized and placed in a safe place to be given to campers with proper sanitization.
- Food handlers and servers will be wearing face masks and other appropriate PPE.
- Lunch and snack will be served in individual portions in order to avoid shared contact on food or utensils.
- The campers will eat together with safe social distancing

Equipment and Cleaning Procedures

Cleaning & Disinfecting:

- We will have 1 staff member designated to constantly clean and disinfect high touch/shared surfaces and washrooms.
- Equipment will be disinfected between each use, as much as possible
- All items and equipment shared between more than one person (from different households) will be appropriately cleaned and disinfected between each use, or isolated for 24 hours between individual's use.
- We will have a system of keeping track of cleaning, so that when someone uses the washroom they can know if it sanitized and ready for use.

Resources:

- All rooms will be equipped with necessary disinfectant supplies such as, hand sanitizers, disinfectant spray, Disposable disinfectant wipes, gloves etc.
- The campus will have proper posters/signage with instructions of health hygiene practice, social distance and mask reminders.

Hand hygiene:

Campers and staff will wash/sanitize their hands between activities.

- Each group will have their own hand washing station and will wait for their turn to wash their hands in a socially distant line.
- Hand sanitizers will be readily available around the campus.
- Campers and staff will be encouraged to minimize touching their face/hair and will be encouraged to sanitize their hands after touching their face/hair.
- Campers and staff will be encouraged to wash/sanitize their hands before and after touching any shared items.
- We will encourage respiratory etiquette (e.g. coughing or sneezing into a bent elbow, promptly disposing of used tissues in a lined garbage bin).
- Staff will watch children whenever hand sanitizer is used, so that it is safe.

Staff Preparation

All staff are trained in physical distancing guidelines and their importance.
Proper use, removal and washing of cloth face coverings, as well as hand hygiene, respiratory etiquette, cleaning and disinfecting. They will be informed of updated policies or procedures related to preventing the spread of Covid-19.