Summer 2023 COVID-19 Statement

Maintaining the health, safety, and well-being of all the members of the Tavor community is important to us and we will continue to follow best medical and public health practices in order to achieve those goals. Camp Tavor’s approach to maintaining a healthy and safe community in Summer 2023 represents an evolution from the COVID mitigation and response we employed last year, and one that we believe strikes an appropriate balance between caution and compassion.

COVID VACCINATION
Camp Tavor requires that those who are in residence at camp are vaccinated according to the schedule recommended by the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP). This includes vaccinations for COVID.

PRE-CAMP and PROGRAM MITIGATION
In order to ensure that campers arrive at Tavor 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 Tavor healthy.

Camp Tavor will also require a negative AT-HOME RAPID test result before getting on any bus to camp. Results must be presented to the Tzevet representative at the bus pick up location in Detroit, Ann Arbor, Skokie, and or Hammond. Any camper being dropped off directly to camp will need to show a negative AT-HOME Rapid test on arrival at camp.

IN-CAMP and PROGRAM MITIGATION
By entering into the summer with a COVID vaccinated community, we start from a place of health and wellbeing. We will not employ surveillance testing, 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. If needed, mitigation measures (masks, outdoor programming, broad testing, cohorting) can be put in place, scaled up or down depending on what we are seeing and what is going on in the broader community (new strain, high level of cases, etc.)

ILLNESS and COVID RESPONSE
We will use our well-established health and wellness procedures for any community member experiencing any illness at Camp Tavor. We will test campers and staff with symptoms suspicious of COVID. Our ability to house and care for COVID+ individuals will be the same as our ability to house and care for individuals with other illnesses. This practice has always been dependent on the individual’s symptom severity and length of illness as well as our operational and physical capacity.
There are many different possibilities for how it may play out if someone tests positive for COVID at camp. The health team has considered a variety of scenarios and factors and is prepared to respond.

The operating principles for how we will respond will be:

- Keep campers comfortable and cared for
- Do our best to keep kids at camp and not let this ruin their camp experience, while following CDC & local guidance
- Prevent spread. We have mitigation measures (masks, outdoor programming, broad testing) to scale up and down depending on what we are seeing and what is going on in the broader community (new strain, high level of cases, etc.)
- Ongoing close communication and consultation with the health team.

**Please note:** Depending on the scenario and other factors, a camper who tests positive for Covid-19 or other communicable diseases may be sent home for their isolation period. Decisions will be made at the discretion of the health team keeping both the child and camp community's best interest at heart. Parents should be aware, as is the Tavor policy, that they may need to pick up their child from camp. If parents will be out of town while their child is at camp they must arrange alternative adults who will be available to pick up their child and care for them.

**COMMUNICATION**
Parents will be notified in the event that their child tests positive, or if another child in the kvutza (age group) tests positive. If there is Covid spread at camp beyond one kvutza (age group), all parents will be notified of current cases, while maintaining individuals privacy.