



Camp Tavor Immunization Policy Announcement - Effective Summer 2021

The health and safety of our campers is the priority of Camp Tavor and the vaccination of all members of the community is essential in order to maintain a safe environment and decrease the risk of transmission of preventable illnesses.

Each year, the American Academy of Pediatrics publishes a “Recommended Childhood and Adolescent Immunization Schedule.” Practicing pediatricians across North America consider this the standard of care. In addition, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) have established vaccine standards for adults. The vaccination of all members of a community creates conditions that protect young children, babies, the elderly, pregnant women, immunocompromised people, and those who cannot be immunized from harmful and life-threatening diseases.

At Camp Tavor, we teach our campers to be aware of the needs of those who are most vulnerable in our community and in society. To protect our camp community, including those unable to receive vaccines due to medical reasons, **beginning in the summer 2021, we are requiring that all campers and staff be immunized as outlined below.**

Policy

All campers and staff attending a Camp Tavor program are required to provide documentation that they have had age-appropriate vaccines as recommended by the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and the State of Michigan.

The Camp Tavor Immunization Policy will be enforced in accordance with all applicable local, state, and federal laws. In no way should this policy be interpreted to violate the laws of the State of Michigan or regulations affecting licensed Residential Child Camps within the state.

Participants or staff over age 21 who are not able to provide documentation will be required to sign an affidavit indicating that to the best of their knowledge, they have either received their childhood vaccines or contracted the diseases.

If your child has not received standard immunizations to date, please discuss the CDC vaccine catch-up scheduled with your child’s primary care provider:

www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/hcp/imz/catchup.html

Policy Exceptions

We recognize that individuals who have had a documented allergy or severe adverse reaction to a particular vaccine will not be able to receive further doses of that individual vaccine. In addition, individuals with medical conditions such as congenital immunodeficiency or HIV, malignancies receiving chemotherapy, transplant patients, and persons receiving immunosuppressive drugs and chronic steroids, will not be able to receive certain vaccines. In these instances, the primary care provider exempting the child from further doses of that specific vaccine must furnish a Waiver documentation to Camp Tavor to be reviewed by our healthcare staff. These waivers are subject to annual review.

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If you have any questions, please email the chair of the Camp Tavor health team, Dr. Dana Schinasi: health@camptavor.org