



Eden Village West Summer 2021 - COVID-19 Policies **Updated: October 2020.**

Please note, this is an evolving document and as information changes, so will our COVID-19 guidelines for Summer 2021.

Dear Eden Village West Community,

Camp is a precious and powerful gift to our children - a Jewish community rooted in kindness, nature connection, and creative living where our children can be the most vibrant and thriving versions of themselves.

In the midst of the continued uncertainty of these times, Eden Village West remains clearly and firmly committed to:

1. The health and safety of our community as our #1 priority
2. Doing everything we possibly can to make camp happen for summer 2021 in a safe, positive, and nourishing way
3. Being proactive and transparent in communicating our plans and decisions as they evolve over the course of the year

Over the last few months we have learned a significant amount from a handful of overnight camps that were able to operate safely this past summer. We have built on this information, while working together with our Medical Advisory committee, the American Camp Association, the CDC, and our camp colleagues across the country to begin formulating plans and protocols for operating camp safely in 2021. While the details of these plans will continue to evolve over the course of this year, we have a good picture of the overarching strategies that will form the core of our camp safety protocols this summer.

As we get closer to the summer, we will release a detailed COVID-19 Safety Manual that will be shared with all of our staff and camper families in advance of arriving at camp. This page, which we will update as our planning evolves, contains an overview of the key elements and main considerations of our safety planning. While no camp can guarantee with 100% certainty that COVID-19 will not enter their community this summer, we are confident that the following core strategies will significantly reduce the likelihood of COVID-19 arriving at camp, and will provide effective mitigation tools to limit potential spread and keep our community safe.

Our safety plan currently has the following key components:

- **Pre-camp quarantine and testing:** All campers and staff will be required to quarantine at home for a period of time (exact # of days TBD) in order to minimize their risk of exposure before arriving at camp. Campers and staff will also need to submit documentation of a negative COVID-19 test during this quarantine period in advance of arrival at camp.
- **Testing upon arrival at camp:** Campers and staff will receive a COVID-19 test as part of their opening day health screening.
- **Camper orientation:** Opening day at camp always includes a welcome meeting with the directors to introduce campers to key staff, general camp rules, and important operational guidelines. This summer, the following items will also be communicated:
 - What camp is doing to protect everyone from becoming ill
 - Ground rules for operating in smaller groups
 - Hand washing protocols
 - Physical distancing guidelines and policies for when masks are necessary
 - Dining hall procedures
 - What symptoms to look out for and when to report them to a nurse
 - Daily temperature checks
- **Regular health screenings:** Campers and staff will receive health screenings throughout the session to monitor for signs of potential illness.
- **Cohorting:** Campers will be grouped into cohorts at the beginning of each session. Within these cohorts, campers will not be required to wear masks or maintain social distance. When interacting with other cohort groups outside of their own, campers will wear masks and maintain appropriate physical distance.
- **Enhanced sanitation and cleaning protocols:** EVW will maintain enhanced cleaning and sanitation protocols for all areas of camp in accordance with CDC and American Camp Association guidelines.
- **Adjustments to our camp program structure:** Camp schedules will be adjusted to allow campers to remain with their cohorts throughout the program day. There will be opportunities for cohorts to choose from a variety of activity options.

Conclusion

Please note that this document reflects the current conditions if camp were to start today. We will continue to update these policies and provide greater detail when necessary as we get closer to the summer.