Hello Camp Ramah Families,

Happy Hanukkah to you and your families from all of us here at Camp Ramah.

We have received a record number of applications for Summer 2022 and we couldn't do it without the trust and belief you place in us to ensure your children have a great time at camp.

Part of that is making sure that all campers are safe while here at camp, and as such, we want to remind you that all campers will need to be fully vaccinated against all preventable childhood diseases and COVID-19 to attend camp in 2022. If your child is currently fully vaccinated (including booster if eligible), you can now upload their card to the COVID-19 Vaccination Card Form. If they have only had one or two doses, please wait until the second and booster (if eligible) is given to upload their card. Please see our full vaccine policy attached to this email, and if you have any further questions, please contact Dr. Andrea Kasowitz.

In addition to physical health and safety, we also ask you to share information about your child through our Camper Care Form that relates to their mental, emotional, and social well-being. This information helps us train our staff to best support your child at camp. Completing this information promptly allows a member of our camper care team to be in touch regarding any relevant follow-up.

Our Bunk Request Form is also available for you to indicate bunk-mate requests as well as top/bottom bunk preferences. While the deadline is April 1st, the sooner these forms are completed the sooner we can begin our bunking process. You will have access to edit the form if requests change.

Additionally, most other summer forms are now available as well. Please check the Forms & Documents section of your CampInTouch Portal to view all available forms.

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In conjunction with the National Ramah Commission Medical Subcommittee, we require that all campers and staff be fully vaccinated against preventable childhood diseases. We are sending this to you upon enrollment so that you have adequate time to fulfill these requirements, which are in accordance with the standards of the American Academy of Pediatrics and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Below are the required vaccines for admission to Camp Ramah in California:

- **COVID-19 – Fully Vaccinated**
  - Every camper over 5 years old must be fully vaccinated.
  - The second dose must be given at least two weeks before the start of camp.
  - A booster is required for campers 12 years or older, provided more than five months have passed since their second dose.
  - We will continue to follow the recommendations from the CDC and the AAP regarding further vaccination protocols.

- **Diphtheria, Tetanus, and Pertussis (DTaP, DTP, Tdap) – 5 doses**
  - 4 doses are OK if one was given on or after 4th birthday
  - 3 doses are OK if one was given on or after 7th birthday
  - Routine vaccination with Tdap given age 11-12 years old

- **Polio (OPV or IPV) – 4 doses**
  - 3 doses are OK if one was given on or after 4th birthday

- **Hepatitis B – 3 doses**
- **Hepatitis A – 2 doses**
- **Measles, mumps, rubella (MMR) – 2 doses**
- **Varicella (chickenpox) – 2 doses**
  - Usually given at ages 12 months and 4-6 years
- **Haemophilus influenza type b (Hib) – 4 doses**
  - 1 dose is OK if it was given on or after 15 months
- **Pneumococcal conjugate – 4 doses**
- **Meningococcal (serogroup A,C,W,Y vaccination, such as Menactra)**
  - Usually given at ages 11-12 years and 16 years

We do not allow exemptions for any personal, religious or philosophical reasons. We do permit for the rare, true medical exemption when a camper cannot receive a particular vaccine due to medical contraindications. If you have any questions regarding these indications, please feel free to reach out to us.

Thank you for your cooperation and partnership in ensuring that our community remains a safe and healthy environment for our entire camp family.

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