



Camp Immunization Policy

Johnsonburg Camp and Retreat Center does not accept claims of religious or personal exemption for required immunizations in any registration application submitted requesting enrollment acceptance in any of our programs that require a health form.

While parents may choose to defer the vaccination of their children, for Johnsonburg, this is not an issue of individual rights and choice, but an issue of public health and policy. The routine vaccination of all children and staff is an important public health matter especially in the confined environment of a camp program.

Therefore, all campers and staff are required to have age-appropriate vaccines recommended by the State of New Jersey Department of Health, American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), and the Center for Disease Control (CDC).

This policy is in effect immediately and references the Youth Camp Safety Standards, required by all camps under licensure by the State of New Jersey. Required health information and immunizations are in Chapter 25, 8:25-5.5 (f) 1.

Required Vaccines for students K-12 (from the New Jersey Department of Health):

- diphtheria, tetanus, and pertussis (DTaP, DT, DTP, Tdap)
- polio (IPV)
- measles, mumps, rubella (MMR)
- hepatitis B (HepB)
- Meningococcal
- varicella (chickenpox)

The number, timing, and spacing of the required vaccine doses is set by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP). To be considered valid, a dose of vaccine must meet both the minimum age and minimum intervals as defined by ACIP. You can view the current ACIP vaccine schedule for persons 0 - 18 yrs of age at www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/downloads/child/0-18yrs-child-combined-schedule.pdf.

Vaccines are recommended for rotavirus, hepatitis A, influenza, Hib and human papillomavirus, but are not required.

Exceptions

Johnsonburg recognizes 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 certain medical conditions will not be able to receive certain vaccines.

If your child cannot get vaccines because of medical reasons, you must submit a properly completed and signed official Immunization Medical Exemption Form to the Johnsonburg Directors. This form must be completed and signed by your child's medical doctor.

Required Forms

All parents must submit a current immunization record form for their camper and ensure that campers have all of the age appropriate vaccines. You can submit this record through our CampWise registration system. Campers without proper immunization records will not be permitted to attend the summer camp program.

If your child has a medical exemption, we must receive the completed official Immunization Medical Exemption form with the appropriate documentation included and the official form signed by your child's physician, prior to arrival on site. (State of New Jersey, Department of Health N.J.A.C. 8:57-4.3)

If you have any questions about our Immunization Policy, please contact our EMT and Health Officer, Brian Walsh, nurse@campjburg.org.

This policy applies to camp programming that requires health forms and excludes day events and the Traveling Day Camp.

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