

THE (NEW) ROAD MAP TO BARRYVILLE

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Please note: This is an evolving document and may change with the most updated version of our COVID-19 and New York State Department of Health guidelines and procedures as we lead up to summer.

INTRODUCTION

As permitted by New York's Governor Andrew Cuomo, we are planning to safely open and operate Camp Tel Yehudah in Summer 2021. The following information outlines how we have adapted our policies and procedures to mitigate the presence and spread of COVID-19 in camp. The practices and policies laid out here are still subject to change. They are based on current best practices (CDC and American Camp Association) and are in strict adherence with the mandatory guidelines set out by the New York State Department of Health on May 19, 2021. Our policies and procedures are regularly reviewed by our COVID-19 medical team. Our commitment is to ensure the physical and emotional health and safety of our campers and staff.

CORE ASSUMPTIONS

1. **We believe we can operate safely.** Parents/guardians entrust us with that which is most precious to them in the entire world. This trust is a foundation of the partnership we have with all of our families. If at any time we (staff, COVID-19 task force or Board of Directors) feel we cannot deliver this most basic promise, to do our best to mitigate the spread of COVID-19, keeping everyone safe, we will not hesitate to act accordingly.
2. **The overwhelming majority of campers and staff will be vaccinated at Tel Yehudah.** COVID-19 vaccines are now available to all teens ages 12 and above in the United States and 16 and above in Israel. Based on our surveys, we expect between 90% and 95% of our campers and 99% of staff to be vaccinated. The high percentage of vaccinated people in our community provides a critical layer of protection to all in the community.
3. **COVID-19 will be present in our communities.** We are operating under the assumption that COVID-19 will still be present in the communities we serve and that COVID-19 could potentially be present in our camp community too. Our protocols are designed to prevent large-scale spread, as well as an ability to handle any case should one appear. This is not a one-size fits all approach, but instead should be viewed as a multi-layered system to keep our entire community safe and healthy.
4. **Testing is available.** Testing (both rapid and PCR) will be readily accessible at camp and costs will not be passed on to families or staff.

5. **Tel Yehudah is a community of people responsible for one another.** We all deserve a safe summer and a fun and meaningful TY experience. **We are relying on all campers, staff, and parents to agree to and follow all protocols in order to ensure the safety and experience of all at camp.**

PRE-ARRIVAL REQUIREMENTS

All campers must upload one of the following three documents to their [MyTelYehudah](#) account and complete the pre-arrival form in their account, prior to arriving at Tel Yehudah.

1. A negative diagnostic test result for COVID-19 using a Food and Drug Administration (FDA) or DOH authorized polymerase chain reaction (PCR) or other nucleic acid amplification test (NAATs) of comparable analytical sensitivity performance that was performed on a specimen (e.g., swab) collected within 72 hours of arrival at the camp.
2. Proof of having completed the COVID-19 vaccination series at least 14 days prior to the date of arrival at camp. If the second shot was received after June 10th please upload the vaccine record AND a negative PCR test results.
3. Documentation of laboratory confirmed positive COVID-19 test within the previous three months.

No campers will be permitted to enter camp without one of these documents uploaded to their [MyTelYehudah](#) account before arrival.

OPENING DAY

On opening day, all campers will have a health check which will include:

- Completion of a COVID-19 questionnaire
- Temperature check
- Document review (see above)

Campers traveling by bus will complete their health check before boarding their bus. All campers arriving by car will complete their health check while parents wait in their cars. Additional information about opening day procedures, including times for drop-off, will be sent via email.

WEEK ONE

Our plan is to have a strict set of rules during week one to strongly mitigate the possibility of COVID-19 being in camp or spreading amongst campers. If we are successful, we will have a new set of rules for camp after this first week. During week one:

- All activities will be held by chug – a group of no more than 36 campers.
- All activities will be held outside or in very well-ventilated pavilions.
- Meals will be served in large tents by chug.
- There will always be at least 6 feet of distance between each chug.

- All campers and staff will have their temperatures taken morning and evening and checked for symptoms daily.
- All campers and staff will wear masks during this period of time except during:
 - Meals
 - Swimming
 - Sleeping
 - Physical activities where masks are uncomfortable

After four days (Sunday June 27th), all unvaccinated campers will receive a PCR test. Results are expected to be reported 48 hours later.

BEYOND WEEK ONE

If all PCR tests are negative, **Tel Yehudah will be considered a single “camp household.”** For the remainder of the summer, the full program of Tel Yehudah will run with some mitigation practices remaining in place, such as outdoor programming and limiting group sizes for certain activities. However, masks will not be necessary and campers of different chugim will be able to fully interact.

Please see the section below on how we will handle any positive cases of COVID-19 found during this testing.

ONGOING MONITORING, PREVENTION AND RESPONSE

After the first week of camp, we will continue to monitor for any possible cases of COVID-19 in camp and take appropriate precautions.

- All campers and staff will have their temperatures taken morning and evening and checked for symptoms daily.
- Campers and staff will wash hands multiple times throughout the day. Additional hand washing stations will be available.
- Enhanced cleaning and sanitizing procedures will be in place.
- All activities will be held outside. When that is not possible, group size will be limited for indoor activities.
- Meals will continue to be served in large tents.
- Anyone required to leave property for camp-related business or a camper visiting a healthcare clinic MUST wear a mask indoors. If symptomatic and tested, they will be isolated on their return, pending PCR test results.

Symptomatic campers will be given a rapid COVID-19 test and a PCR test in the Tel Yehudah Health Center. If positive:

- The camper will be isolated and cared for by a dedicated health care professional, to monitor their health and well-being while awaiting results from a PCR test.

- The camper will need to be picked up within 24 hours by a parent or guardian using private transportation if they live within driving distance of camp OR agree to be isolated until receiving a negative PCR test result.
- Unvaccinated campers and staff who were in contact with a person who has tested positive for COVID should expect to quarantine, be monitored for symptoms, and tested.
- As per New York State Guidelines, the New York State Department of Health will be contacted and will be involved in contact tracing and in determining next steps for those campers who have had contact with the camper testing positive.

TRIPS

As required by the New York State Department of Health, all off-site trips will require that campers do not come into contact with people who are not fully vaccinated. Therefore, trip options for this summer will be limited to outdoor experiences away from other groups (rafting, kayaking, hiking) as well as new in-camp experiences. Additional information will be available by the end of May.

COMMUNICATION

We understand that communication is critical to the success of our families at Camp Tel Yehudah. It is important to us that we partner with our parents and families to ensure the social, emotional, and physical well-being of all campers.

- Parents/guardians will be kept informed throughout the session about COVID-19 testing, isolation and quarantine measures if required, as well as the usual communication throughout the summer (newsletter, photos, emails etc.).
- If a camper or staff tests positive for COVID-19 while in our care, all parents/guardians with campers and staff on site will be notified via email and text while maintaining confidentiality in accordance with current privacy laws and identify the specific measures we are taking to address the situation.
- Any parent with campers in close contact with a positive COVID-19 case will be notified directly regarding the status of their child's health and wellness.
- If a camper needs to be kept overnight in the Health Center for non-COVID-19 related reasons, we will notify parents/guardians.
- We will continue to use email for other communication for the summer, including transportation.

Visitors: To ensure we keep the camp community safe and free from COVID-19, we are limiting the number of visitors to camp this summer. There will not be a visiting day or tours available. Unvaccinated visitors, guests, and volunteers will not be permitted in camp. To also reduce interaction with outside vendors, we will be strictly limiting packages sent to camp by parents and guardians to one package per camper.