



## IMMUNIZATION POLICY FOR 2021

All staff attending Camp Ramah must be up-to-date in their routine childhood immunization as determined by the provincial schedule. The routine vaccination of all campers and staff is an important public health matter, especially in the confined environment of a sleep away summer camp. Outbreaks of preventable infectious diseases have occurred in these settings.

**Safety and public health are top priorities for our camp.** The vaccination of all members of the Ramah community is essential in order to maintain a safe environment and decrease the risk of transmission of these preventable illnesses. The establishment of a safe camp environment must therefore include the requirement that all members of the Camp Ramah community be adequately immunized according to the routine childhood schedule.

### Required Immunizations

1. **DTPT (Diphtheria, Tetanus, Polio, Pertussis (Whooping Cough))** - A series of a minimum of four doses, with the last dose within 10 years of the start of the camp session.
2. **MMR (Mumps, Measles, Rubella)** - A series of two doses.
3. **Chicken Pox** - Vaccination or history of illness. 2 doses are required, 1 month apart.
4. **Meningococcal C-C/ACYW** – 1 dose (given routinely in Grade 7 by local public health units in Ontario) as recommended as per the local public health unit schedule.

**\*For 2020 and 2021, some of the adolescent vaccines given by public health have been delayed. This is not a concern. It is most important to ensure the TDaP (tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis vaccine) has been given within 10 years from the start of camp. If not, please contact your physician to ensure it is received.**

### Recommended Immunizations

1. **Hepatitis B** – 2 doses when given in adolescence (given routinely in Grade 7 by local public health units in Ontario).
2. **Hepatitis A** - (not publicly funded but recommended). Two doses provide long-term protection.
3. **Meningococcal B** – (not publicly funded)

### Boosters, Injections and Inoculations

Most recent tetanus immunization must be specified on the Health Information Form. It is advisable to complete all such inoculations by the end of May.