IMMUNIZATION POLICY FOR 2023

The health and well-being of all campers and staff are our top priority. All children attending Camp Ramah must be up-to-date in their immunizations as determined by the provincial schedule. The vaccination of all campers and staff is an important public health matter, especially in the confined environment of a sleep away summer camp, which is a congregate setting. Outbreaks of preventable infectious diseases have occurred in these settings.

For summer 2023, it is strongly recommended that all campers under the age of 18 be up to date in their COVID-19 vaccination in accordance with the recommendations of Public Health Ontario and the National Advisory Committee on Immunization. The COVID-19 vaccines are required for all campers and staff who are over the age of 18.

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. Please ensure this is up to date before the start of camp.
   Booster vaccinations are done ages 14-16.

2. **MMR (Mumps, Measles, Rubella)** — A series of two doses.

3. **Chickenpox** - History of illness or Vaccination: 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 2021/2022, 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.**

Strongly Recommended Immunizations

1. **COVID-19** - full primary series completed and bivalent booster completed at least 2 weeks before the start of camp.

2. **Hepatitis B** – 2 doses when given in adolescence (given routinely in Grade 7 by local public health units in Ontario).

3. **Hepatitis A** - (not publicly funded but recommended). Two doses given 6 months apart provide long-term protection.

4. **Meningococcal B** – (not publicly funded)

Boosters, Injections and Inoculations

Most recent tetanus immunization must be specified on the Health Information Form. It is received at age 14-15 and then every 10 years after that. It is advisable to complete all such inoculations by the end of May.