



## Immunization Policy

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*As Camp Hendon continues to plan for the health and safety of our camp community in 2023 and beyond, protocols may be adjusted as circumstances change. Families will be notified of any changes in protocols.*

**Policy:** Camp Hendon strongly recommends all attendees to any program or event be up-to-date on all age-appropriate vaccines, including COVID-19 and the Flu. Any Camp Hendon program which requires a completed Health Information Form will also require immunization of all attendees against vaccine-preventable diseases as included in the Schedule of Required Immunizations by Age on page 3. This policy has been established and affirmed by the Camp Hendon Medical Advisory Committee and Board of Directors.

**Exceptions:** We recognize that individuals who have had a documented allergy, severe adverse reaction, or other medical contraindications to a particular vaccine will not be able to receive further doses of that individual vaccine. In these instances, a physician documenting the specific problem and exempting the individual from further doses of that specific vaccine must be furnished to Camp Hendon. The Medical Advisory Committee will review each request for Medical Exemption on a case-by-case basis and in accordance with the CDC's Contraindications and Precautions Guidelines.

With respect to the above described bona fide medical exemptions, a camper who attends Camp Hendon without immunizations may be dismissed from camp in the event of an outbreak of a disease that the camper is not immunized for. In this case, a refund of camp fees will not be given. This both protects the camper who isn't immunized and any other participant of Camp Hendon's program who may be at risk.

Please note, that in the case of an approved Medical Exemption, additional health and safety requirements for those who are not vaccinated (e.g. quarantining if a close contact, mask wearing, testing, and others) will be put in place at the discretion of the Medical Advisory Committee.

At this time, for the health and safety of our campers, families, staff, and volunteers, religious and philosophical exemption requests will not be accepted. This policy will be reviewed periodically.

**Eligibility:** Starting in 2022 and beyond, this policy will be strictly enforced for all participants to any Camp Hendon program requiring a completed Health Information Form. Campers and volunteers without proper immunization records will not be permitted to attend these programs. There are a number of Camp Hendon programs and events that do not require a completed Health Information Form, and therefore do not require immunization. Some of these programs are hosted in partnership

with other organizations, or take place in facilities open to the general public at the time of the event. If immunizations are required for a particular program, this will be clearly communicated during registration.

**Background:** While parents may choose to defer the vaccination of their children, for Camp Hendon this is not an issue of individual rights and choice, but an issue of public health and safety. The routine vaccination of all campers and staff is an important public health matter, especially in the confined environment of a residential summer camp with round-the-clock communal living where illnesses spread much more easily.

Parents send their children to Camp Hendon to have fun, experience the camaraderie of others who understand their journey with Type 1 Diabetes, and to learn from our dedicated team of medical professionals. Camp Hendon is a community dedicated to the wellbeing of youth with Type 1 Diabetes and their families. We do our utmost to be responsible caregivers to the campers in our care, and safety and public health are priorities for Camp Hendon. Each year, the American Academy of Pediatrics publishes a “Recommended Childhood and Adolescent Immunization Schedule.” Pediatricians across North America consider this the standard of care. In addition, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) has established vaccine standards for both children and adults. The vaccination of all members of a community creates conditions that protect everyone in it, but especially young children, babies, the elderly, pregnant women, those with pre-existing conditions, and those who cannot be immunized from harmful and life-threatening diseases.

Given that Camp Hendon serves a precious population, whose risk of health complications from a communicable disease is often greater, Camp Hendon requires that all campers and staff be immunized as outlined below if in attendance to a program that requires a completed Health Information Form. We are professionals dedicated to taking care of kids, and this policy is the best choice for our community.

Please check your child’s vaccination record to ensure that all of their vaccinations are up-to-date and accurately recorded in your camper’s CampBrain account. In addition, please consult with your child’s healthcare provider regarding scheduling of any missing vaccines.

This policy will be enforced in accordance with all applicable local, state, and federal laws. In no way should this policy be interpreted to violate the laws of the Commonwealth of Kentucky or regulations affecting licensed Residential Child Camps within the state.

#### **Assumption of Risk: Communicable Disease**

While we wish that we could control every possible risk, and while we will use our best efforts to keep attendees safe from communicable diseases, including the COVID 19 virus, we want to make clear that even if we follow all CDC and local guidelines we cannot promise or guarantee that this or any other pathogen will not enter camp, and that by the very nature of the personal interaction that takes place in the camp environment, there is always a risk of attendees becoming ill with this or any other communicable disease. We want everyone to be fully aware of this risk in making the decision to attend camp, and that parents/guardians are willing to assume and accept it on their child’s behalf. We strongly advise that upon camp attendees’ return they not be exposed to anyone defined as vulnerable or at-risk by federal and state health officials unless they have tested negative or been symptom free for fourteen days or whatever timeframe is recommended by your health care provider.

<b>Schedule of Required Immunizations by Age</b>	
<b>Required For children ages 5-6<sup>1</sup></b> <a href="https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/parents/downloads/parent-ver-sch-0-6yrs.pdf">https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/parents/downloads/parent-ver-sch-0-6yrs.pdf</a>	<b>For children 7 and older<sup>1</sup> + volunteer staff (includes completion of the ages 5-6 series)</b> <a href="https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/downloads/teen/parent-version-schedule-7-18yrs.pdf">https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/downloads/teen/parent-version-schedule-7-18yrs.pdf</a>
<b>Haemophilus influenzae type b (Hib):</b> 3 or 4 doses depending on vaccine series	<b>Meningococcal conjugate (MenACWY):</b> 1 dose between ages 11-12, booster dose at age 16
<b>DTaP/DT (Diphtheria, Pertussis, Tetanus):</b> 5 doses	<b>Tdap (Pertussis, Diphtheria, Tetanus):</b> 1 dose between ages 11–12, booster every 10 years
<b>Hepatitis A:</b> 2 or 3 doses depending on vaccine series	<sup>1</sup> Source: <i>Recommended Child and Adolescent Immunization Schedule for ages 18 years or younger, United States, 2021;</i> <a href="https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/hcp/imz/child-adolescent.html">https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/hcp/imz/child-adolescent.html</a>
<b>Hepatitis B:</b> 3 doses	
<b>IPV (Polio):</b> 3 or 4 doses depending on vaccine series	
<b>MMR (Measles-Mumps-Rubella):</b> 2 doses	
<b>Pneumococcal conjugate (PCV13):</b> 4 doses	
<b>Rotavirus (RV):</b> 2 or 3 doses depending on vaccine series	
<b>Varicella (Chicken Pox):</b> 2 doses	

**\*\*Annual vaccination against the flu and completed COVID-19 immunization series is STRONGLY RECOMMENDED for all program attendees.\*\***