



Immunization Policy

All those who are attending Camp Hendon’s programs are required to be adequately immunized against preventable diseases, as recommended by the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) and the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP). Exemptions will only be granted for bona fide medical or religious reasons*. This policy has been established and affirmed by the Camp Hendon Medical Advisory Committee and Board of Directors.

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.

Starting in 2022 and beyond, this policy will be strictly enforced for all Camp Hendon participants. Campers and volunteers without proper immunization records will not be permitted to attend Camp Hendon programs.

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. 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. If your child has a medical contraindication to receiving their immunizations, please contact us directly.

Schedule of Required Immunizations by Age	
Required For children ages 5-6¹ https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/parents/downloads/parent-ver-sch-0-6yrs.pdf	For children 7 and older¹ + volunteer staff (includes completion of the ages 5-6 series) https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/downloads/teen/parent-version-schedule-7-18yrs.pdf
COVID-19: completed series no less than 2 weeks prior to program start	Meningococcal conjugate (MenACWY): 1 dose between ages 11-12, booster dose at age 16
Haemophilus influenzae type b (Hib): 3 or 4 doses depending on vaccine series	Tdap (Pertussis, Diphtheria, Tetanus): 1 dose between ages 11–12, booster every 10 years
DTaP/DT (Diphtheria, Pertussis, Tetanus): 5 doses	¹ Source: Recommended Child and Adolescent Immunization Schedule for ages 18 years or younger, United States, 2021; https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/hcp/imz/child-adolescent.html
Hepatitis A: 2 or 3 doses depending on vaccine series	
Hepatitis B: 3 doses	
Influenza: Required annually	
IPV (Polio): 3 or 4 doses depending on vaccine series	
MMR (Measles-Mumps-Rubella): 2 doses	
Pneumococcal conjugate (PCV13): 4 doses	
Rotavirus (RV): 2 or 3 doses depending on vaccine series	
Varicella (Chicken Pox): 2 doses	

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.

**Requests for accommodations due to medical or religious reasons will be further reviewed. Camp Hendon will provide reasonable accommodations for those eligible under an exemption, which may include masking during all waking hours, regular temperature checks, daily testing, and physical distancing from other groups. Any accommodations provided will be outlined by the Medical Advisory Committee.*