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Dear Camp Hendon Family,

It has been an unprecedented year in all our lives and across the world. COVID-19 has changed the way we go to school, work, vacation, seek medical care, shop, and has affected diabetes camp as well. After discussion with the Camp Hendon Medical Advisory Committee and the Board of Directors, we have made the decision to require all campers, counselors, volunteers, and medical staff to be fully vaccinated (including booster) and wear masks while in attendance at camp. We will review bona fide exemptions for medical reasons for the vaccine requirement.

This decision did not come lightly and was made after rigorous discussion about what is safest for all those involved. This decision was unanimous by all members of the Medical Advisory Committee and approved by our Board. As a camp that supports the health and well-being of our children with diabetes, we must reduce the risk of spread of COVID-19 at our camps to the best of our ability. Currently, the best way to protect against contracting and having severe illness from COVID-19 is masking and vaccination. Parents trust Camp Hendon to care for their children while they are at camp. We do not take that responsibility lightly. Each member of camp takes on this responsibility and treats each camper as if they were their own family member, because they are family. The Camp Hendon Family. We hope one day we can have a camp without all these precautions, but until then we must take precautions that allow us to be safe in the best way possible so we can continue with our in-person camp programs.

Sincerely,

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Immunization Policy

Revised March 17, 2022

As Camp Hendon continues to plan for the health and safety of our camp community in 2022 and beyond, protocols may be adjusted as circumstances change. Families will be notified of any changes in protocols.

Policy: Any Camp Hendon program which requires a completed Health Information Form will also require immunization of all attendees against preventable diseases, including COVID-19, as recommended by the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) and the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP). The Schedule of Required Immunizations by Age can be found on page 3 of this document. In general, Camp Hendon strongly recommends all attendees to any program or event be up-to-date on all age appropriate vaccines, including COVID-19. 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.

[See next page for Schedule of Required Immunizations by Age]

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	