

Summer at the J: Camp Simchah

Addendum to Handbook 2020

Based on: *Massachusetts Child and Youth Serving Programs Reopen Approach: Minimum Requirements for Health and Safety. Rev. 6/12/2020*

1.A.(10) Plan for sharing information and guidelines with parents.

1.A.(10)(e) **COVID19 Information:** *Please review the attached Coronavirus Fact Sheet and additional information from cdc.gov and other sources. If you haven't talked to your child about this virus or haven't talked about it recently, we encourage you to discuss new protocols for Camp Simchah.* Review factual information about the virus, how it spreads, and how to protect themselves and others. You know your child best, so be sure to talk about this in a way that considers their developmental level and emotional needs. We will certainly address and teach new rules at camp, but it helps for campers to hear this information first at home.

1.A.(10)(f) Guidance for families

- **For Younger campers:** be honest and clear, remain positive, and remind them that rules and camp staff are there to help keep them and others safe. Remind them of your role this summer and how their basic needs will be met.
 - Use positive phrasing like “we want to keep you and others healthy” and “new camp rules let us go to camp this summer and help to keep everyone safe” instead of negative or anxiety-provoking statements like “we want to avoid getting really sick” or “because of COVID19 there are so many new rules this summer at camp.”
 - Talk to them about check-in/screening, their group assignment, and the example daily schedule. Having this information will help normalize new aspects of camp.
- **For Older campers:** be honest and clear, remain positive yet responsive to their verbal and non-verbal cues, and support their social and emotional needs. Remind them that camp is still about making new friends and having new experiences. Camp is a place where they can be themselves and have fun.
 - Use positive phrasing like “Camp will be a bit different this year, since there will be some new rules for COVID19, but they’re working hard to be sure you’ll still get to let loose and make friends this summer” or “Remember that any new rules are there to keep everyone safe (you, me, your friends, everyone!) and that we expect you to follow them.”
 - Older campers will pick up more on your conversations, even when you aren’t talking to them. Avoid negative comments about COVID19 policies and camp rules that may influence their perspective of how camp will be.

1.A.(10)(h) Person Responsible for Sharing Information with Parents if Exposure Occurs:

Camp Simchah Nurse: Pat Chipman

Back Up: Camp Simchah Director: Jessie Stephens

- ❖ **How Information about Exposure will be Shared:** In the event of COVID19 exposure at *Camp Simchah:*
 - Camp Nurse or Director will email all impacted families,

Camper Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____

- Additionally, Camp Director or Assistant Director will send a Remind 101 message to all impacted families.
- As required, camp Leadership will call families via phone.

Guardian Acknowledgements and Additional Required Information

Please complete this portion and return to *Summer at the J: Camp Simchah* by the end of the day, Thursday, June 25, 2020. Please email a scanned copy to Alex Regan, Camp Specialist, at aregan@jccns.com. You may also drop off a hard copy to the JCCNS Attn: Alex Regan during the day on Thursday between the hours of 9:00am and 5:00pm.

1. 1.A.(10)(b) What is your **primary language** for spoken and written communication from *Summer at the J: Camp Simchah*? (choose one)

- English Other (please specify) _____

Acknowledgment of receipt and understanding

I, _____ (guardian name), guardian of _____ (camper name) _____ (date of birth) have read and understand the information provided in *Summer at the J: Camp Simchah: Addendum to Family Handbook 2020*. I agree to follow the policies and procedures enclosed, therein. I agree that I will communicate as requested with the program and Leadership staff. I also understand that *Summer at the J: Camp Simchah* will make every reasonable effort to teach and support my child in following all policies and procedures as outlined in the *Summer at the J: Camp Simchah: Family Handbook 2020* (including, but not limited to the *Summer at the J: Camp Simchah: Addendum to Family Handbook 2020*) and that if my child is unable to reliably follow the policies and procedures, and/or puts the health and safety of themselves or others at risk, then *Summer at the J: Camp Simchah* will remove my child from the program and refunds will only be issued in line with the stated refund policy.

Signature of Guardian

Date

Camper Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Face Masks

Updated 7/2/2020

In order to protect campers and staff, Camp Simchah requires the wearing of masks or cloth face coverings during the camp day. **Masks must be worn by campers and staff whenever 6 feet of social distancing is not possible.**

Your child is exempt from wearing a mask if your child:

- Cannot safely wear, remove, and handle masks.
- Has difficulty breathing with the face covering or cannot remove the cover without assistance.
- Has severe cognitive or respiratory impairments.
- Can only wear the type of face covering that presents a potential choking or strangulation hazard.
- Cannot breathe safely with a face covering.
- Is unable to wear face covering safely due to a behavioral or intellectual impairment.
- Needs to communicate with people who rely on lip reading.

***Please provide a note from your health care provider noting the applicable reason for the exception. If your child is unable to wear face masks when required in our program, they may need to be withdrawn from the program.**

___ I have received the letter informing me of the Camp Simchah face mask policy and accept the conditions as outlined.

Guardian Signature

Date

Bug Repellent Waiver

In order to protect children and our staff from insect bites and stings to the best of our ability, we encourage families to pack bug repellent for your camper. Campers will be only be allowed to apply bug repellent if Camp Simchah has on file a signed waiver by the camper's guardian. Families are responsible for providing bug repellent for their camper, ensuring there is adequate supply and that any dispenser is functioning (spray bottles, especially). You may also opt to have your child wear a bug repellent bracelet or other wearable repellent.

When providing repellent for your camper, please label your child's bug repellent and place it in a zip loc bag inside their backpack. In the event that staff may need to assist in the application of bug repellent, please know that they will be wearing a face mask and gloves in accordance with current state and local regulations.

Select one option below:

___ I give permission for my child to use bug repellent at camp, which I will provide.

___ I will not provide bug repellent for my child and my child will not be permitted to use bug repellent at camp. I understand all risks associated with bug bites and stings and accept the risk inherent in outdoor camp activities without bug repellent.

Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

Camper Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Hand Sanitizer Waiver

In order to protect children and our staff from the spread of Covid-19, we are ensuring and promoting frequent and effective hygiene and health behaviors/practices. To ensure that these practices are continued and to the best of our abilities we are asking parent's permission to use hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol **only when handwashing is not available**. Hand sanitizer will be stored securely and used only under supervision of staff. Staff will make sure that children do not put hands wet with sanitizer in their mouth and staff will teach children proper use. (Massachusetts Dept. of EEC June 2020).

There are many times throughout the day when we are required to have campers and staff clean their hands. Given that camp will primarily be outside this year, other than after bathroom use and other times when we are near running water, hand-sanitizer will be a necessary means of hand cleaning at Camp Simchah. Without permission to use of hand-sanitizer, your child may not be able to fully participate in our camp program.

Select one option below:

_____ I give permission to the JCCNS to use hand sanitizer when hand washing is not available

_____ I will provide hand sanitizer for my child at the beginning of each camp week, label it clearly with their name, and my child's counselor(s) will maintain this for my child's use. My child's counselor(s) will return any remaining hand sanitizer at the end of each week. (.5-1 oz/child/day recommended)

_____ I **do not** give permission to the JCCNS to use hand sanitizer when hand washing is not available.

Guardian Signature _____ **Date** _____

Camper Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____

COVID19 Risk Disclaimer

Summer at the J: Camp Simchah is taking reasonable precautions consistent with the recommendations of the CDC and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and in following licensing regulations set forth by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health to control the spread of COVID-19 among campers and staff while at camp.

Summer at the J: Camp Simchah also expects campers and staff comply with our program's updated policies and procedures based on current regulations while at camp, or when otherwise engaged in camp-related activities and business, including practicing social distancing, wearing face coverings, regularly washing hands or using hand sanitizer, and regularly cleaning equipment and work stations, and others. However, despite these precautions, *Summer at the J: Camp Simchah* cannot (and does not) make representations or warranties of any kind, express or implied, about whether campers or staff can be at camp without the risk of being infected by the COVID-19 virus.

Campers and staff who fall into a category that is at higher risk of severe illness if they contract COVID-19 (such as, by way of example, individuals who: are 65 or older, have compromised immune systems, and/or have the following conditions: asthma, chronic lung disease, diabetes, serious heart conditions, chronic kidney disease being treated with dialysis, liver disease and/or severe obesity), may not be able to safely use the *Summer at the J: Camp Simchah* while the COVID-19 crisis is pending and should use extreme caution. Any camper guardians who choose to enroll their child or staff who choose to work at *Summer at the J: Camp Simchah* or to otherwise engage in camp-related activities or business do so at their own risk.

Signature of Camper Parent or Staff Member
(guardian required if staff is younger than 18)

Date