



BCI 2021 Summer COVID-19 Preparedness Plan and Policies

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Dear BCI community,

This document outlines how BCI is adapting its current policies and procedures to mitigate the risk of COVID-19 in our in-residence summer community. The policies laid out here are *subject to change* as new information surfaces regarding best practices around COVID-19. Our approach is based on the CDC's [suggestions for summer camps](#) and the American Camp Association's [field guide](#). In addition, our policies are reviewed by our Medical Advisory Committee, who have distinct knowledge about our program and site-specific considerations. Our ultimate commitment is to ensure the physical and emotional health and safety of our participants and staff. We welcome your questions and input in shaping the upcoming summer.

COVID-19 Vaccinations

We are extremely proud to report that **every BCIer and staff member** will be fully vaccinated for COVID-19 (two weeks post second shot/J & J vaccine) by the start of BCI. Submitting documentation of full vaccination will be included in the medical form completed by participants prior to BCI. Our 100% vaccination rate significantly impacts the number and type of precautions we need to implement.

A "Bubble"

BCI participants are not permitted to leave the campus during BCI (as was the policy in previous summers). Exceptions are granted for emergencies and are handled on a case-by-case basis. Similarly, BCI will be closed to guests. Visiting educators who are fully vaccinated will be permitted to visit campus this summer and will conduct programs outdoors. They are not permitted to stay overnight. While BCI shares a campus with Camp Alonim (an overnight children's summer camp), the two programs have separate facilities and will rarely interact during the summer.

Capacity

BCI is expecting 45 participants (80% of our usual capacity).

Housing

Since all BCI participants are fully vaccinated, there's no need to modify our housing plan from previous summers. Accordingly, 3-4 BCIers will share each cottage room.

Every room at BCI has its own private bathroom, 2 sinks, and a shower.

Travel and COVID-19 Testing

Domestic Participants: According to the CDC, “fully vaccinated travelers do not need to get a SARS-CoV-2 viral test before or after domestic travel, unless testing is required by local, state, or territorial health authorities.” Additionally, “fully vaccinated travelers do not need to self-quarantine following domestic travel.” Consequently, BCI participants who are arriving by air travel will be shuttled on arrival day (June 29th) from the airport to BCI without the need for any self-quarantine. We are still exploring the possibility of administering COVID-19 tests upon arrival to vaccinated air travelers out of an abundance of caution. BCI participants (all of whom are vaccinated) arriving by private ground transportation may proceed directly to BCI without the need for any self-quarantine.

International Participants: Per the CDC, “fully vaccinated air travelers coming to the United States from abroad, including U.S. citizens, are still required to have a negative SARS-CoV-2 viral test result or documentation of recovery from COVID-19 before they board a flight to the United States.” Additionally, “fully vaccinated travelers do not need to self-quarantine in the United States following international travel.” Consequently, international participants who are arriving by air travel will be shuttled on arrival day (June 29th) from the airport to BCI without the need for any self-quarantine. We are still exploring the possibility of administering COVID-19 tests upon arrival to vaccinated international air travelers out of an abundance of caution.

Potential COVID-19 Exposure

While the likelihood of exposure to someone with a confirmed positive COVID-19 test is highly unlikely within the BCI bubble, we’ve still developed the following protocols in this event. If a fully vaccinated participant presents with COVID symptoms, they will be tested and isolated immediately. In the case of a positive test result, the “Isolation and Quarantine Procedures” outlined below are brought into effect. In the case of a negative test, the participant will be permitted to rejoin communal activities, pending approval by the medical professional on-site.

According to the CDC, “Fully vaccinated asymptomatic people within [a camp setting] should still be referred for testing, but can refrain from quarantine.” If the individual tests negative, regular activities can be resumed, while monitoring for the development of COVID-related symptoms. If the individual tests positive, the “Isolation and Quarantine Procedures” outlined below are brought into effect.

Isolation and Quarantine Procedures

In the event of a confirmed case of COVID-19 within the BCI community, the individual will be immediately separated from others and begin an isolation period in a single-occupancy room. The length of isolation will be determined based on the specifics on the case, in accordance with CDC [guidelines](#). An on-site medical professional will need to clear the individual to rejoin the program.

Isolated/quarantined BCIs will **not** be permitted to stay on-site beyond the end date of the program (July 25) and will be responsible for arranging their own accommodations.

Health Center

BCI shares a Health Center with Camp Alonim. A doctor and multiple registered nurses live on campus so that medical assistance is available 24-hours-a-day, 7-days-a-week. If a BCler needs to be seen by a doctor or nurse, a medical professional will be dispatched from the health center to examine the BCler

at BCI. If additional care is required, the BCler will visit the on-campus health center. This summer, there will be a separate triage and quarantine area for any individuals exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19.

Non-Pharmaceutical Interventions (NPIs)

As a fully vaccinated pod, it is not necessary to adopt NPIs such as physical distancing and mask wearing. That said, there will most certainly be situations throughout the program where mask wearing will be required (such as a trip to the health center or walking in a space where one might encounter someone from Camp Alonim). Activities will take place both indoors and outdoors.

Interacting with a community of this size after this past year and a half will likely be an adjustment for many of us. Individual preferences around stricter mask wearing and physical distancing will be respected. Out of an abundance of caution, enhanced cleaning and sanitation protocols will be implemented in all communal spaces, including communal bathrooms.

Conclusion

As stated above, the policies in this document are subject to change as new information surfaces regarding best practices around COVID-19. We will communicate updates in a timely manner through direct emails and website updates. We hope that this document provides greater clarity and a window into our approach to creating a safe and meaningful BCI 2021. The thought of celebrating Shabbat together, learning and creating with our hearts, bodies, and minds, and forming a caring community is a source of hope, and we intend to do everything in our power to make that possibility a reality.