



Ziering BCI Program OF AMERICAN JEWISH UNIVERSITY

Summer 2022 COVID-19 Preparedness Plan and Policies

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Please note, this is an evolving document and as information changes, so will our COVID-19 guidelines for Summer 2022. These guidelines are subject to change.

Dear BCI community,

We are thrilled to be planning for another lifechanging summer for BCI Aliyah 2022. The information in this document will allow you to stay up to date with how we are planning for Summer 2022.

The following information outlines how BCI is adapting its current policies and procedures to mitigate the risk of COVID-19 in our in-residence summer community. The practices and policies laid out here are subject to change. Our approach is based on guidance from a variety of sources, including the California Department of Public Health, the CDC and American Camp Association. Our policies and guidelines are reviewed by our Medical Committee as well as other subject matter experts when needed. Our commitment is to ensure the physical and emotional health and safety of our participants and staff.

Community Mitigation Strategies + Partnership = Summer 2022!

What does this mean? On our end, we are developing policies and procedures to keep participants and staff safe during Summer 2022. We will need the entire in-residence community to buy in to this Culture of Compliance in order for BCI (and our on-site neighbors at Camp Alonim) to run.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

Vaccination Policy

The physical and emotional health and safety of our community is our top priority. At the recommendation of American Jewish University's Administration as well as our Medical Committee, all participants and staff must be **fully vaccinated and up to date against COVID-19 (including booster if eligible)** to be able to join us this summer.

Pre-BCI Risk Mitigation

In order to mitigate the risk of COVID-19 being brought into camp, **we ask that participants and their household remain vigilant and refrain from non-essential contact with people outside of their households and immediate family for 7 days leading up to BCI.**

COVID-19 Testing

COVID-19 testing is mandatory for ALL participants and staff. *Please note: our testing policy is based on the information we know **today**. Our testing protocol is subject to change.*

Pre-Arrival Testing:

All participants and staff are required to take a PCR test within 72 hours of Opening Day (to be taken at your local pharmacy, doctor's office etc. See recommendations below). Antigen tests cannot be accepted.

All participants and staff must email their negative results to bic@aju.edu by the day before Arrival Day, Tuesday, June 28th.

A note about the pre-BCI PCR test: **It is imperative that a few days prior to the test and once taken that participants are overly cautious**, refrain from non-essential contact with people outside of their households and immediate family, practice social distancing, mask wearing, and handwashing, until arrival at BCI. **YOU are our partners in risk mitigation. A positive pre-BCI PCR test will prevent you from participating in BCI this summer.**

You may choose any location for your pre-BCI PCR test. We have seen excellent turnaround times with Kaiser, CVS, and Exer Urgent Care. Additionally, for a fee, you can visit either of these two locations below for a rapid PCR.

SameDay Health (locations in several states): <https://www.sameday-testing.com/>

COVID Clinic (locations in several states): <https://covidclinic.org/>

Lastly, if you're in LA, our partner clinic for on-site summer testing, **DoctorNow**, typically provides results within 24 hours and testing is of no cost to you: (424) 249-3038.

These suggestions are based on our experience during Summer 2021. **You may go anywhere for your PCR test.**

Opening Day Testing:

In addition to the pre-camp PCR test, BCI will administer Opening Day PCR tests to all participants. These tests are provided and administered by our partner clinic, DoctorNow. DoctorNow also works with us for any testing needs once BCI is in session, including any routine maintenance testing or testing needed for symptomatic participants or staff.

All participants and staff must register with DoctorNow. A link to register will be sent to you in June.

A note about Opening Day testing:

We plan to receive Opening Day test results by 9:00 p.m. that same evening. While we await results, we will maintain strict COVID-19 safety protocols: all participants will stay in masks when indoors, eat outdoors, and keep a safe distance all while engaging in the fun and traditional Opening Day activities.

If someone tests positive, we will isolate them immediately.

In-Camp Testing on Day 3:

All participants and staff will participate in a Day 3 PCR test. If someone tests positive, we will isolate them immediately.

Note: the timing of this test may change, and/or additional maintenance testing may be added.

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. Symptoms must also be improving throughout the isolation and the individual must go at least 24 hours with no symptoms and no fever. A negative antigen test will be required to return to programming.

Isolated/quarantined BCIs will **not** be permitted to stay on-site beyond the end date of the program (July 24) and will be responsible for arranging their own accommodations.

Staff Testing:

Staff will be following the same pre-BCI testing protocols as participants. They are required to take a test prior to arrival and must arrive at BCI several days before participants for Staff Orientation. Staff will also participate in maintenance testing as determined necessary by the camp administration.

TRAVEL TO BCI

While airports and airlines have varying mask requirements, **we are asking that all BCIs wear masks on airplanes, public transit, or when ridesharing to the airport to reduce risk of exposure while traveling to California prior to BCI – you are our partners in risk mitigation.** For current information on travel guidance, please reference the [CDC recommendations](#).

Non-Pharmaceutical Interventions (NPIs)

*Please note: our mask wearing policy is based on the information we know **today**. This is subject to change if guidance is updated for Summer 2022.*

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, particularly indoors on arrival day while we await test results, or when going to the health center or walking in a space where one might encounter someone from neighboring Camp Alonim.

Please refer to the packing list to see the required number of masks (and type of masks) to bring to BCI. We will have extra masks available if an individual misplaces a mask.

FACILITIES

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, 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.

Cleaning, Handwashing & Sanitization Protocols

To minimize transfer of COVID-19 at Camp Alonim, cleaning methods will be employed to reduce the risk of transmission. Protocols will include cleaning of communal spaces, shared items, frequently touched surfaces and overall handwashing and sanitizing.

Visitors

To ensure we keep the BCI community safe and free from COVID-19, visitors and guests are required to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 and will undergo pre-arrival testing and health screening requirements in order to come into BCI.

CONCLUSION

Thank you for partnering with us to provide a safe, healthy camp experience in Summer 2022. This plan is written to reflect what BCI would look like if it were to run today. We are all hopeful that the global pandemic is waning. Still, BCI and Camp Alonim, as a congregate and communal setting, believe that the measures above maximize our ability to run programming as close to normal as possible. We will all be relying on one another to ensure a safe summer. We are regularly updating this document to reflect any changes made to policies and best practice recommendations to prevent the spread of COVID-19. 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 vision a reality.