

**Camp Gan Israel Cherry Hill  
COVID-19  
Parent Handbook Supplement**



**How will Camp Gan Israel be different this summer?**

**COVID-19 Prevention Plan  
For all Staff, Campers, Parents and Visitors**

**Safety First! While we are excited to offer day camp,  
we continue to place safety as our primary concern.**

**Please read this carefully to prepare yourself  
for the safety protocol.**

Prepared under the guidelines of:  
NJ Department of Health  
and  
Local Health Officials



## 1. General Measures

Camp Gan Israel continues to stay current with the ever-changing health environment by continuing to:

- Be in contact with the NJ Department of Health.
- Regularly review updated guidance from county agencies and the NJ Department of Health.
- Update and receive guidance from the Camp Gan Israel Medical and Safety committees.
- Review and implement recommendations from the American Camp Association.
- CGI works in close partnership with Chabad in Cherry Hill who are also following the guidance presented here in their use of the facility.
- CGI has a plan for the possibility of repeated closures, G-d forbid, if persons associated with the facility or in the community become ill with COVID- 19.
- The more people a camper or staff member interacts with, and the longer that interaction, the higher the risk of COVID-19 spread. To this end CGI will limit both the number of people each camper and staff member interacts with, as well as the amount of time of those interactions. Whenever possible, individuals will be outdoors, and socially distanced from each other. Please read the guidelines below for the specifics of this plan.



## 2. Promote Healthy Hygiene Practices

- Staff, campers and their families need to stay home if they have symptoms of COVID-19, or have recently had a close contact with a person with COVID-19. Protocols for return to camp will be followed as per the most current recommendations.

Symptoms include, but are not limited to:

- Fever or chills
  - Cough
  - Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
  - New loss of taste or smell
  - Sore throat
  - Nausea, vomiting, or Diarrhea
- Campers and Staff are taught and reminded about [washing hands](#), avoiding [contact with one's eyes, nose, and mouth](#), and [covering coughs and sneezes](#). We teach campers and staff to:
    - Use tissue to wipe their nose and to cough/sneeze inside a tissue or their elbow.
    - Wash their hands before and after eating; after coughing or sneezing; after being outside; and before and after using the restroom.
    - Campers and staff should wash their hands for 20 seconds with soap, rubbing thoroughly after application, and use paper towels (or single-use cloth towels) to dry hands thoroughly.
    - Staff should model and practice handwashing. For example, for younger campers, use bathroom time as an opportunity to reinforce healthy habits and monitor proper handwashing.
    - Campers and staff should use fragrance-free hand sanitizer when handwashing is not practicable. Sanitizer must be rubbed into hands until completely dry. Note: frequent handwashing is more effective than the use of hand sanitizers.
    - Children under age 9 should use hand sanitizer under adult supervision. Call Poison Control if consumed: 1-800-222-1222.

- Camp schedule is designed with a 5 minute handwashing and sanitizing break in between each program time.
- Cloth face coverings are encouraged for staff, especially when physical distancing is not practicable.
  - Campers will not need to wear face mask unless they will be interacting with another bunk.
  - Parents should send in mask to be stored in child's cubby to use when needed. CGI will extra available.
  - When in close proximity to campers and staff not in your bunk, all camp staff should use cloth face coverings unless they have a note from a doctor advising against it.
  - Camp staff and campers should be frequently reminded not to touch their or face covering and to [wash their hands](#) frequently.
  - Signs are posted to educate staff and campers on the [proper use, removal and washing of cloth face coverings](#).



### 3. How will Bunks increase safety?

- Every effort will be made to use supplies and program areas that do not need to be shared.
  - Each bunk will have a “home base” where they will conduct activities.
  - Each camper will have a cubby or “box” to store their personal equipment.
  - Water fountain is closed. Disposable water bottles and disposable cups are provided.
- Staff will [clean and disinfect](#) frequently touched surfaces at camp and on all at least daily, and, as practicable, frequently throughout the day by trained custodial staff.
- Frequently touched surfaces in the camp include, but are not limited to:
  - Door handles
  - Light switches
  - Sink handles
  - Bathroom surfaces
  - Tables

- Limit sharing of objects and equipment, such as toys, games and art supplies, to the extent practicable. But where allowed, clean and disinfect between uses.
- There will be physical guides, such as tape on floors or sidewalks and signs on walls, to ensure that camp staff and campers remain at least 6 feet apart in lines and at other times (e.g., guides for creating “one-way routes” in hallways).

## 4. Implementing Distancing



### ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE

- CGI can only accept 10 children per age group, with a maximum of 60 children during any session to enable us to maintain physical distancing.
- Arrival procedures:
  - Parents drive into the parking lot drop off line.
  - Parents do not park in the parking lot, nor leave their cars. Only campers exit the car.
  - Staff member wearing mask greets camper and asks parents through the open window/door to confirm camper is symptom free from [COVID-19 symptoms](#) within the last 24 hours and whether anyone in their home has had COVID-19 symptoms or a positive test.
  - Temperature is taken of each camper with a no-touch thermometer. If temperature is below 100.4 and camper is symptom free, the staff member informs the parent that they may leave.
  - Staff member checks in camper on clipboard and records temperature reading.
  - Hand sanitizer is used at the check in location, and is also available at each bunk’s “home base” and in the bathrooms.
  - Any child, parent, caregiver or staff showing symptoms of COVID-19 can not come to camp. Please indicate on your child’s health history form if the child has a history of allergies, which would not be a reason to exclude.
- Staff and campers will be monitored throughout the day for signs of illness; Campers and staff with a fever of 100.4 degrees or higher, cough or other [COVID-19 symptoms](#) will be sent home. Parents should be available to pick up campers within 30 minutes if necessary.



- Campers go straight to their bunks “home base” to avoid intermingling of bunks.

## **RECREATIONAL SPACE**

- Campers should remain in the same space and in groups as small and consistent as practical. CGI will keep the same campers and staff with each group and include campers from the same family in the same group, to the greatest extent practicable.
- Activities have been selected that work for smaller groups, and where sharing equipment is not necessary. Our room setup has been rearranged to allow for separation. Activities will be held outdoors as often as practical.
- Campers will be oriented to new social distancing guidelines in a developmentally appropriate manner. Sports instructors will have thorough plans for drills and activities that teach skills yet maintain safe social distancing.
- During camp hours the camp will be closed to any non-essential visitors. All visitors will be screened at the door for symptoms, temperature check. Only essential visitors will be allowed in camp, and every effort will be made to maintain social distancing. Masks are required and provided for all visitors.
- Communal activities will only take place when no alternative can be found. Participants will be properly spaced and groups will be as small and consistent as practical. All shared equipment and spaces must be disinfected in between uses.
- CGI will limit gatherings, events and extracurricular activities to those that can maintain physical distancing and support proper hand hygiene.

## **MEALS**

- Campers bring their own pre-packaged Kosher lunches in disposable lunch bags. Disposable lunch bags will be kept in the camper’s “box” and discarded at the end of each day if not taken home.
- If food is offered at any event, it must be pre-packaged by trained food-service staff who are wearing gloves, masks and hair nets. Foodservice staff should wash their hands before wearing gloves, and after removing gloves.



## 5. Limit Sharing

- Keep each camper's belongings separated and in individually labeled storage containers, cubbies or areas. Ensure belongings are taken home each day to be cleaned and disinfected.
- Ensure adequate supplies to minimize sharing of high-touch materials (art supplies, equipment, etc.) to the extent practicable or limit use of supplies and equipment to one group of children at a time and clean and disinfect between uses.
- Avoid sharing electronic devices, clothing, toys, books, and other games or learning aids as much as practicable. Disinfect in between uses as often as practical.
- No camper will be able to share food drink with others.



## 6. Train All Staff and Families

- We will train all camp staff and families in the following safety actions:
  - Enhanced sanitation practices
  - Physical distancing guidelines and their importance
  - [Proper use, removal and washing of cloth face coverings.](#)
  - Screening practices
  - COVID-19 specific [exclusion criteria](#)
- Staff training will take place on Zoom for all training that is not site-specific or using equipment required in camp.
- Rabbi Yitzchok Kahan is responsible for responding to COVID-19 concerns. He can be contacted on his cell phone 609-969-0842 or at [director@welovecgi.com](mailto:director@welovecgi.com)



## 7. Plan for When a Staff Member, Child or Visitor Becomes Sick

- The Tent in Parking lot is our isolation area to separate anyone who exhibits symptoms of COVID-19.
- Any campers or staff exhibiting symptoms must immediately wear a face covering and wait in the Tent until they can be transported home.

- Our staff will be trained to recognize medical urgencies and utilize EMS when appropriate. For serious injury or illness, they will call 9-1-1 without delay. They will seek medical attention if COVID-19 symptoms become severe, including persistent pain or pressure in the chest, confusion, or bluish lips or face.
- Camp Director, Rabbi Yitzchok Kahan will notify local health officials, staff, and all families immediately of any positive case of COVID-19 while maintaining confidentiality as required by state and federal laws.
- Through cleaning CGI will do: Any areas used by any sick person must be immediately closed and not used before cleaning and disinfection. To reduce risk of exposure, wait 24 hours, or as long as practical, before you [clean and disinfect](#) as per procedures above.
- Any staff member or camper who becomes ill, whether related to COVID-19 or another summertime illness (sore throat, gastrointestinal illness etc.), will be readmitted to camp under the relevant and current CDC and Medical Committee guidelines.
- Campers are encouraged to not attend other programs during their Camp Gan Israel attendance to further reduce the number of people interacting with our camp population.



## 8. Maintain Healthy Operations

- CGI has a roster of back up staff to use if a staff member is unable to attend camp.
- All illnesses and symptoms among your camp staff and campers will be recorded in the Ultra Camp Health Log to help isolate them promptly.
- Rabbi Yitzchok Kahan is the staff liaison responsible for responding to COVID-19 concerns. He can be contacted on his cell phone 609-969-0842, or at [Director@WeLoveCGI.com](mailto:Director@WeLoveCGI.com)
- Parents should report any symptoms or illness the camper might be experiencing to Camp Director, Rabbi Yitzchok Kahan. This will help us monitor the health of the CGI campers, and allow the camp to take any necessary precautions. All camp staff will be in close communication with Rabbi Kahan regarding any symptoms they themselves might be experiencing. Parents will be notified by email and text. Parents will be notified by email and text message if their child has been exposed to COVID-19 G-d forbid at CGI. Confidentiality of the identity of campers and staff will of course be strictly maintained.
- Please be advised that CGI will continue to communicate with NJ Department of Health and follow their recommendations regarding future closures or updated policies or procedures. These policies and/or closures may happen with little or no notice.