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



**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

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## 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 Kellman Brown Academy who are also following the guidance presented here in their use of the facility.



## 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 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.

- Cloth face coverings are required for all 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 have extra available.
  - 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?

- Each bunk will have a room where they will conduct activities
- 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
- 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 will only accept 15 children per age group, with a maximum of 120 children during any session to enable us to maintain physical distancing.
- Arrival procedures:
  - Parents drive into the parking lot drop off line.
  - Staff member wearing mask greets camper.
  - Hand sanitizer is used at the check in location, and is also available at each bunk's room 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. Activities will be held outdoors as often as practical.
- Campers will be oriented to 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.
- CGI will limit gatherings, events and extracurricular activities to those that can maintain physical distancing and support proper hand hygiene.

## **SWIMMING**

- Campers will follow pool social distancing protocols.
- Campers will not wear masks in water

## **TRIP & BUSSING**

- Campers will be required to wear masks while on the bus.
- Carefully chosen outdoor trips, such as hiking, berry picking etc. where we will either be alone or easy to maintain distance from other groups.

## **MEALS**

- Campers bring their own pre-packaged Kosher lunches.
- If food is offered at any event, Foodservice staff should wash their hands before wearing gloves, and after removing gloves.



## 5. 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)

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

- The covered area 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.



## 7. 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.