



Camp Fatima

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Summer Camp and Covid FAQs

Is Camp Fatima holding in-person overnight camp?

As of now, yes. Camp Fatima plans to hold in-person overnight camp. We have assessed our resources based on the CDC guidance and American Camp Association guidance and are confident we can safely hold an overnight camp experience. The plan for opening will need to be approved by the State of NJ. Currently, the forms from the State are not available. Additionally, the health and safety mandates for operating an in-person overnight camp in NJ have not been released. Once those mandates are released, Camp Fatima will review our Covid-19 plan.

When is camp?

In-person overnight camp will be August 8-14, 2021. Volunteers will be expected to arrive on August 7th. Virtual Camp will be August 16-20, 2021. There will be an opportunity to pick-up materials for virtual camp from the campsite on August 15, 2021.

How many campers will be accepted to in-person camp?

32 campers will be accepted.

I have multiple children who have attended as campers in the past. Will they be accepted together?

As in past years, Camp Fatima cannot guarantee multiple acceptances in the same family. Every camper will be reviewed independent of their siblings. The decision will be heavily based on counselor availability with a focus on the health and safety of all campers and staff.

I have attended as a volunteer with my family members or best friends. Will we be accepted together?

We cannot guarantee acceptances for all members of your friend group or family.

Does my family need to quarantine prior to camp?

Since all volunteers and campers will be vaccinated, there is no Camp Fatima mandate on quarantining prior to camp.

I'm vaccinated. Why do we all need rapid tests the morning of camp?

Even with a vaccination, there is still a chance an individual can have covid-19 and be asymptomatic. Though a rapid test the morning of camp is not fool proof, it does help to mitigate risk. Camp Fatima will only accept those who have proof of a negative rapid test from the morning of drop-off.

When we will be notified about acceptance?

Staff and Campers will be notified of their acceptance or position on the waitlist by July 1, 2021. The notification will take place via email and an announcement will be placed on social media and the website that will direct you to your email.

CICs- I usually apply as a CIC for summer camp. Is the CIC program running this summer?

No. The CIC program is not running this summer. All CICs are permitted to apply as volunteers. Not all volunteers will be accepted this summer. If you are accepted, you will need to attend the virtual training and have completed your Covid-19 vaccine by July 24th. CICs can also register for virtual camp! Like in-person camp, virtual camp will have activities appropriate for all ages and abilities.

What medical conditions will need physician approval to be considered as a camper or volunteer of Camp Fatima?

If a volunteer or camper has certain medical conditions that are considered high risk, please make sure you consult with your physician. We want to make sure we are setting our Fatima family up for success this summer. [Click here to view the list of medical conditions deemed a higher risk by the CDC.](#)

If all staff are vaccinated, why are masks and social distancing required?

Vaccines are not 100% effective. We will require masks indoors when we are not eating or drinking. Camp will also practice social distancing, frequent hand washing, and sanitizing to ensure our community's continued health and safety.

Why are you requiring vaccinations?

Decisions surrounding our programs are made with evolving information surrounding the spread of COVID-19. We are being guided by the recommendations and requirements of the Center for Diseases Control as well as the New Jersey Department of Health.

In addition to other measures, the CDC has recommended everyone be vaccinated when it becomes available. As of now anyone 16 years of age or older is eligible to be vaccinated, including people with disabilities.

“The COVID-19 vaccines have proven to be safe and effective in preventing serious illness, hospitalization and death,” said Brian Strom, chancellor of Rutgers Biomedical and Health Sciences.

We realize that the decision to get oneself or one's child vaccinated or not is a personal one.

As the pandemic evolves and public health guidance changes, so will our mitigation strategies. The health and wellbeing of the children and adults we serve remains our top priority in every decision we make. Having campers and volunteers vaccinated will give us an additional tactic in our effort to keep everyone healthy.

Where can I find more information about Covid-19 recommendations for individuals with disabilities?

For more information on CDC recommendations, click these links:

[CDC/ Recommendations/disabilities](#)

[CDC toolkit/people-with-disabilities](#)

I have more questions! Who can I reach out to?

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