



OVERVIEW:



Camp Hochelaga is requiring all participants (campers & staff) to have received a COVID 19 vaccination. The only possible exemption from this policy is a medical exemption and will be reviewed on a case by case basis, with further information requests and/or conversations between our staff, your family and your doctor(s). Please contact the office should you need this additional process started for your camper.

Families are required to upload valid vaccination cards for their campers in their Campbrain Accounts by June 1st. If we do not receive the vaccination proof on or before the deadline, your child will be ineligible to attend camp.

OFFICIAL COVID POLICY

Due to the continued risk presented by COVID-19, the unpredictability of the virus, and the availability of safe and effective vaccines, Camp Hochelaga will require all campers and staff to receive the COVID vaccination to attend summer camp this year.

This decision is the logical fulfillment of our commitment to put campers first and take all steps necessary to ensure their health and well-being. Universal vaccination at summer camp should also support a potential return to our pre-pandemic camp experience by reducing additional COVID safety guidelines.

Families will be required to upload valid vaccination cards for their campers in their [Campbrain Accounts](#). Families can access these accounts and directly upload their cards [here](#).

While we encourage eligible campers to receive booster shots, we are not currently

requiring booster shots for summer camp participation this year. We do encourage all participants to be as fully vaccinated as possible.

We recognize that some campers and staff cannot be vaccinated for medical reasons. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the only people who should clearly qualify for an exemption from vaccination are those who have a severe allergic reaction after a first vaccine dose or have a known allergy to a component of the vaccine. Medical exemptions will be considered on a case-by-case basis and will require documentation by a licensed physician the camper sees regularly. Camp Hochelaga will be unable to accept any other exemptions from this policy.

We understand that some families have opted not to vaccinate their child for non-medical reasons. In order to receive a full refund of camp fees paid, those families will be required to contact us no later than **May 9th** to request a full refund. Failure to timely inform us of a request for a full refund by that date will result in forfeit of any deposits in accordance with our Cancellation and Refund Policy. Cancellation and refund requests should be made to contactus@ywcavt.org.

Families are required to upload valid vaccination cards for their campers in their Campbrain Accounts by June 1st. If we do not receive the vaccination proof on or before the deadline, your child will be unable to attend camp, and your registration will be forfeited.

Due to the uncertainties of COVID, we are currently unable to forecast additional COVID safety guidelines for summer camp. We will closely monitor the guidance provided by the CDC and Vermont Department of Health throughout the spring to determine whether the need exists to implement additional COVID safety guidelines. Families will receive ongoing updates as they become available. Families with questions or concerns about COVID vaccination are encouraged to visit the CDC Vaccination Website and discuss vaccination with their medical providers.

Camp is needed more than ever during these difficult times. We are thankful to the families who trust us with their campers and who count on us to keep them safe. We believe this policy provides the best opportunity to keep our participants and staff healthy through the entire summer camp experience.

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