

2023 POLICY STATEMENT ON IMMUNIZATION OF URJ CAMP AND IMMERSIVE PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS

Vaccination has a Jewish context and is a shared responsibility and an expectation for all members of our URJ community. URJ policy is aligned with the childhood, adolescent, and adult immunization schedules published by the American Academy of Pediatrics, the Canadian Paediatric Society, and the US Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC). These schedules are widely recognized as the standards of care across North America. Among our most cherished Jewish values is the imperative for preserving life and maintaining health. We embrace this value specifically by taking these and other preventive measures to protect the public health of our URJ communities. Parents entrust the URJ and have high expectations for their children’s experiences in our camps and programs. All the fun, friendship building, Jewish identity affirmation and character development can only happen if we are confident that individual safety and public health remain at the center of our decision-making. Reducing the risk of vaccine-preventable illnesses from entering any of our camps or programs is simply the single most effective strategy to protect public health.

REQUIRED IMMUNIZATIONS (routine schedule) *

	0-18 months old	< 11 years old	11-18 years old	18+ years old
DTap	4 doses	+1 dose		Booster dose every 10 years
Hib	3-4 doses			
Hep B	3 doses			
IPV	3 doses			
MMR	1 dose	+1 dose		
PCV13	4 doses			
Varicella		2 doses		
Meningococcal			1 st dose by age 12, 2 nd dose by age 16	
TDap			1 dose at age 11-12	

* [Information on compliant catch-up schedules. Consult with your physician for individualized guidance.](#)

STRONGLY RECOMMENDED IMMUNIZATIONS

Influenza [Why Flu Vaccine?](#)
 COVID [Benefits of COVID vaccination](#)
 Hep A [Why Hep A?](#)
 HPV [6 Reasons to Get HPV Vaccine for Your Child](#)

[Child Immunization Schedule: 0-6 years old](#)
[Child Immunization Schedule: 7-18 years old](#)
[Adult Immunization Schedule: 18+ years old](#)
[Learn about Vaccine-Preventable Diseases](#)

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

What about catch-up vaccination schedules?
 For youth undergoing catch-up vaccination, the doses noted above may not be indicated or sufficient. Please discuss specific immunization catch-up strategies with your child’s healthcare provider and consult with [this CDC resource on catch-up schedules.](#)

Are there are exceptions to the URJ vaccination policy?
 Yes, there are exceptions to the URJ vaccination policy, and they are rare. Please complete the [URJ Vaccination Policy Exemption Form \(Immersives\)](#) and URJ or Program Leaders will respond to your request.

THANK YOU!

The appropriate vaccination of all members of our community is essential to maintain a safe environment for your child and to uphold our organization’s Jewish value of *Pikuach Nefesh*, the preservation of human life. We thank you for your timely attention to these requi