



COVID PLAYBOOK

WELCOME TO HENRY S. JACOBS CAMP!

We have put this playbook together to share all of our COVID protocols in one place. We want to make your camper's summer at Jacobs Camp the very best, and we know that transparent communication is a huge step toward a successful summer. We are so proud of our URJ Camping system. We are 15 camps strong across North America, and our shared commitment to health and safety remains at the forefront of everything we do. We are grateful for your patience as we navigate the safe reopening of all of our camps this summer.

Throughout the spring, we have been encouraged by the ongoing updates from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) as well as the [remarkable team of doctors](#) who are working with us to create universal medical protocols for all URJ camps this summer.

With this playbook, we want to share some of the protocols being established. Please know this continues to be a work in progress, guided by science, and with health and safety always our first priority. While there is still uncertainty in the world, one thing is true – we are doing everything that we can to ensure the safety of our community.

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BEFORE YOUR ARRIVAL

PRE-CAMP ISOLATION EXPECTATIONS

As you are aware, CDC guidance continues to evolve and change. (Sometimes daily!) Please remember that the CDC guidance is generally designed for an individual and their family and not the communal setting of a residential summer camp. Thus, our guidance may at times be slightly more restrictive out of an abundance of caution in protecting the health and safety of our communities.

CDC guidelines indicate:

- Maintain six-foot separations from others in outdoor public spaces
- Wear masks outside of your home
- Practice diligent hand hygiene

For the 10 days preceding your camp session we ask that all campers interact in your family COVID "bubble" only. We need ALL of you to do everything you can to minimize COVID risk as much as possible. We are asking you to:

- Avoid any indoor unmasked exposure outside immediate family, even to vaccinated people.
- Participate only in school, daycare, or camps that follow CDC guidance including universal masking, hand hygiene, spacing, small group cohorts and contact tracing. If above school, daycare, or camp experiences are discretionary, please avoid scheduling them the week before camp to minimize exposure risk.
- Avoid all public gatherings of more than five people outside of your household. This includes but is not limited to:
 - o Indoor restaurants
 - o Team sports
 - o Businesses and locations that do not follow COVID health/safety guidelines
- Avoid hosting overnight guests in your home who are not part of your immediate family or COVID family bubble.
- Avoid staying overnight in someone else's home who are not part of your immediate family or COVID family bubble.
- Avoid travel outside of your home region.
- Avoid socializing outside of school and workplaces



PACKING UPDATE

In preparation for the summer, please begin purchasing disposable masks for your camper(s). In order to ensure the highest level of protection, we ask that campers come prepared with disposable masks, rather than cloth masks. **We ask that you send six disposable masks per day for your camper.** For our 14-day Olim programs, we recommend sending at least 84 masks, and for our 24-day programs, we recommend sending at least 144 masks.

VACCINATIONS

All year-round and seasonal adult camp staff, faculty, and contractors on camp property, are [REQUIRED to complete the COVID-19 vaccination series prior to entering camp](#), and to provide proof of vaccination upon their arrival to camp in order to avoid putting the health and safety of our camp community members at risk.



TRANSPORTATION TO CAMP

Arrival to Jacobs Camp on Opening Day is exclusively by means of Car with camper's immediate family.



Arrival to Jacobs Camp on Opening Day by car: All camper(s) must show proof of a negative COVID-19 PCR test within 72 hours of travel to camp. Campers who will be driven to camp will arrive within their assigned timeframe and may only be accompanied by **immediate family**. Upon arrival, the camper(s) will be administered a rapid COVID-19 test and all passengers must remain in the car until the test comes back negative. Upon a negative test result, the camper will go through the check-in process, and will be welcomed into their pod. **The parent or guardian will not be tested and will be asked to exit the car only for a quick good-bye hug and kiss.** Camp staff will ensure that all of your camper(s) belongings are transported to their bunk. Every person in the car should wear a mask that covers their nose and mouth throughout this process.

If your camper is not medically cleared, you will be directed to a consultation area to speak with our medical staff.

Arrival to Jacobs Camp on Opening Day by plane: All camper(s) arriving by plane must be accompanied by a parent. If the parent will be driving the camper from the airport to camp, they will follow the same procedure as those arriving by car (see above). Every camper will be required to show proof of a negative COVID-19 PCR test within 72 hours of travel to camp, and take a rapid test upon arrival.

TESTING

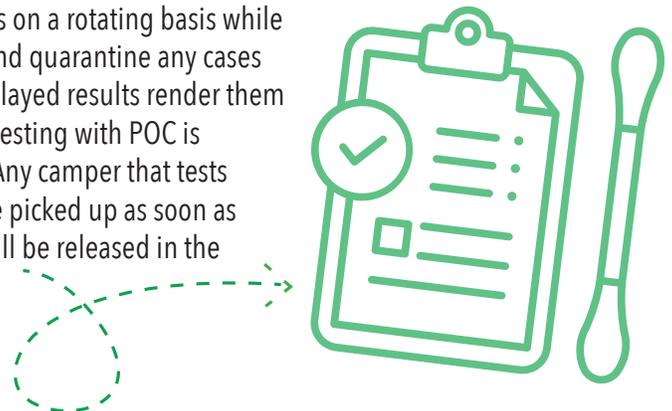
The URJ Camps' medical protocols around COVID-19 for this summer are being developed by our [Medical Advisory Board](#), a team deeply committed to and connected with our camping movement. Testing for COVID-19 will be a key element of how we safely open and operate URJ camps this summer. We will be using the following approaches, together, for maximal protection of our campers and staff.

Pre-Camp Testing: As noted above, all campers will be required to undergo PCR testing 3 days before camp, and the results must be available and negative before arrival.

- Any PCR that is positive at that time will require at least 10 days of recovery before arrival, and the details of that recovery time will be determined by medical staff on a case-by-case basis.
- Because PCR tests can remain positive for many weeks after recovery from COVID-19 infection, we recommend that testing also be performed 12-14 days before camp. **This recommendation is OPTIONAL.** If this test is positive, the remaining days before camp will satisfy the time requirement before arrival, and repeat testing is unnecessary. If this test is negative, repeat testing is still required 3 days before arrival.

Rapid testing upon arrival: Upon arrival, your camper will undergo a COVID-19 rapid test, health screening, and temperature check. **All campers will be tested at camp using Point-Of-Care (POC) antigen tests. These have the very significant advantage over PCR in providing instant results, whereas PCR can take days to learn that somebody tested positive.**

Ongoing Testing Surveillance: All campers will be tested every 3 days on a rotating basis while at camp using POC tests. Instant results are critical to help camp isolate and quarantine any cases that might arise. Although PCR tests are somewhat more sensitive, the delayed results render them less effective at promptly identifying and responding to cases. Repeated testing with POC is considered a safer strategy overall and is thus the one we have adopted. Any camper that tests positive will be immediately quarantined and under medical care, and be picked up as soon as possible by a parent or guardian. More information about this protocol will be released in the coming weeks.



ARRIVAL

Opening Days: This summer, we are implementing a “drive through drop-off” on Opening Day in order to minimize the number of people on our camp grounds. We require that all campers arrive at Jacobs Camp under the supervision of an immediate family member/guardian from the same household. Here is an overview of what will happen on Opening Day:

- You will arrive during a specified timeframe. Arrival times will be finalized in mid-May and communicated clearly.
- Upon arrival, you will be welcomed and directed to a parking area. As noted above, your camper will undergo a COVID-19 rapid test, health screening, and temperature check. Please wear a mask and do not exit your vehicle at any time.
- Once medically cleared, you will be able to drive further into camp to complete the professional lice check. All lice professionals will be masked and lice checks will be done outside.
- Once cleared from lice check, you will drive to our camper and luggage drop-off zone by the Breezeway. You will have time to briefly exit your vehicle at the end of the check-in process to hug your camper goodbye. (please note this exciting update!)
- Once your child is with their counselors, you will exit camp. Please note that we are organizing time for you to meet your campers' counselors via Zoom prior to Opening Day. More information about the “Meet the Counselors” will be shared soon.

Luggage: Jacobs Camp Staff will be present to unload your camper's luggage on Opening Day. You should not get out of the car to assist them. Please pack your clearly labeled luggage in the trunk of the vehicle to limit the close interaction between you and our staff, and be sure that every piece of luggage is tagged with the provided luggage tags. Before the summer we will send you multiple luggage tags specific to your camper. You will be required to fill out your camper's information on the luggage tag and attach a luggage tag to every piece of luggage your camper is bringing.

DURING THE SESSION

PODS, GROUP SIZING, AND INTERACTIONS

Our pods will be organized by bunk assignment. Campers and staff should expect to be primarily with their pod throughout the session. At Jacobs Camp, a pod will consist of the two cabins that share a bathroom in one building. For example, Cabins 1 & 2 are in the same building and share a bathroom. Cabins 1 & 2 will be a pod.

We know that a lot of fun and Jacobs Magic happens during our amazing evening programs, and that will still happen this summer! Evening programs will be done by unit, with campers following the guidelines described below for activity with those outside their pod.

We are still awaiting guidance from the CDC and the American Camp Association about when we can loosen restrictions on interactions between pods, have all-camp programming, and consider all campers and counselors part of one big “camp bubble”. We do know that this will require in-camp COVID tests to be 100% negative. We will provide more information on this as we have it.

NON-PHARMACEUTICAL INTERVENTIONS: MASKED, OUTSIDE, DISTANCED



The most important philosophy that we have adopted to mitigate the potential spread of COVID-19 at camp is to be masked, outside, and socially distant as much as possible. For any interactions outside the pod, campers and staff will need to wear a mask, be physically distanced (at least 6 feet apart), and outside when possible. We are planning as much programming outdoors as possible, while taking into consideration Mississippi summer temperatures. We will focus on hydration, as always, and limiting strenuous activity (like sports within pods, so that campers will not overheat. We will also use outdoor tents, fans, and water bottle filling stations around camp to keep everyone as cool as possible.

MASKS

Campers and staff will be required to wear masks, except when eating, doing an activity with only their pod, or inside their own cabin. Staff who interact with multiple groups of campers will be masked at all times, and campers will be masked around these staff as well. As a reminder, we ask that campers come prepared with disposable masks, rather than cloth masks. We ask that you send six disposable masks per day for your camper.

BUBBLING THE COMMUNITY

Entry onto camp is limited to ensure the safety of the camp community

- **Campers:** Must arrive no later than Opening Day. If, at any point, your camper must leave the bubble, they will not be able to return (unless for a doctor's appointment or other medical emergency)
- **Bunk Staff, Specialists, and Limited Faculty:** Must also arrive no later than Opening Day and will not be able to leave and return. Time "off" will be spent on camp to maintain the camp "bubble."
- **Local Staff:** Will have minimal exposure to the camp community, will be physically distant and wear PPE when interacting with others, and many, if not all, will be vaccinated. They will follow the same rigorous standards with regards to physical distancing, handwashing, and sanitization as the rest of our community.
- **Medical Staff:** Medical staff will come and go from camp – they have experience working in a COVID landscape and will follow the necessary protocols we have at camp. Campers will only interact with medical staff if they need medical care, and all visits to our health center will be very similar to a regular doctor's appointment, with everyone is masked.
- **Visitors:** This summer, no visitors will be allowed on camp. All campers, bunk staff, specialists, faculty, and spouses must arrive on or before Opening Day and will not be able to return once they leave the camp bubble.

MEALS

Meals and time spent in the dining room are a special aspect of the camp experience. This will be an area that will likely look noticeably different this summer. Meals will be served with recommended mitigation strategies and in additional dining spaces, such as the ed. center to keep campers from separate pods physically distant while eating.

FACILITIES

We are very fortunate to have so many air-conditioned indoor spaces around camp. Leading up to the session, we are making capital improvements to ensure a safer camp experience including:

- Welcome Center and Technion – We have totally renovated these two buildings to allow for more usable indoor air-conditioned spaces for pods to gather safely.
- Water bottle filling stations will be located throughout camp, replacing traditional water fountains.
- We are also expanding our outdoor chapel by the lake so we can gather together and maintain safe distance between pods

HANDWASHING AND SANITATION

To minimize the transfer of COVID-19 and other illnesses at Jacobs Camp, enhanced cleaning methods will be employed to reduce transmission risk. Protocols will include specialized cleaning of communal spaces, shared items, frequently touched surfaces, and overall handwashing and sanitizing.

- Hand sanitizing stations will be installed in high-traffic areas.
- As always, handwashing will be required prior to all meals, snacks, and the commencement of any activities.
- Bathrooms will be cleaned and disinfected thoroughly and frequently.
- Sports equipment and art supplies used by each pod will be sanitized after each use.



WATER FOUNTAINS AND WATER BOTTLES

All Water Fountains have been replaced with bottle-filling stations. We ask that you pack two dishwasher-safe water bottles for each camper. Over the summer, water bottles will be washed a few times each week. Please ensure that water bottles are labeled with your camper's name using a method that will not wash off.



CLOSING DAYS

On Closing Day, parents and guardians may pick their campers up from Jacobs Camp by car. However, we **STRONGLY** encourage you to take advantage of our expanded bus service this year. For Session 1, we will offer busses to **Birmingham, New Orleans, Memphis, and Little Rock**. For Session 2, we will offer busses to **Birmingham, Atlanta, Baton Rouge, Houston, Memphis, Little Rock, and New Orleans**. We are subsidizing the cost of the bus to make it easier for families to use this service, as it will help us make Closing Day as COVID-safe as possible. Please note that parents picking up their child at camp will not be able to exit their car. You can register your child to ride the bus by filling out the travel form in your CampInTouch account.

Our Olim (14-day) campers will need to be picked up by a parent or guardian when their program ends. Members of the Camp staff will accompany the campers to a designated place at camp, and we will provide sack lunches for the trip. Parents will need to be masked and stay in their cars during pick up to ensure that our staff does not have exposure to anyone outside of the camp bubble.

All of these protocols are being developed to ensure the safest summer possible for our campers, staff, and faculty. We are so looking forward to bringing our camp community back together to celebrate in-person. We believe that following these protocols will help ensure the safest complete summer experience possible.

Thank you for your partnership in making the magic of camp happen this summer. Please remember, these protocols may change due to updated guidance from the CDC and the URJ Camps Task Force. We will continue to be in touch with updates on a regular basis. We appreciate your flexibility as these guidelines may evolve as more information becomes available to us.

We look forward to a healthy, safe, summer at camp. We are counting down the days until we welcome you home to Jacobs Camp!

CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU ON OPENING DAY!