

Camp Jorn YMCA Immunization Policy

Each year, the American Academy of Pediatrics and the Canadian Pediatric Society publishes a "Recommended Childhood and Adolescent Immunization Schedule." Practicing pediatricians across North America recognize these schedules as the standard of care regarding childhood & adolescent vaccinations. Concurrently, the US Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC) annually publish vaccine standards for adults.

Among our 3 pillars of the YMCA values is the imperative healthy living and social responsibility. We embrace this value specifically by taking preventive measures to protect the public health of our camp community as a whole. Therefore, **Camp Jorn YMCA is requiring that all campers and staff attending camp be immunized as outlined below.**

While parents may choose to defer the vaccination of their children, for Camp Jorn YMCA this is not an issue of individual rights and choice, but an issue of public health and policy. The routine vaccination of all campers and staff is an important public health matter especially in the confined environment of a residential summer camp with round-the-clock communal living where illnesses spread much more easily.

Policy: All those who are attending Camp Jorn YMCA programs are required to have age appropriate vaccines as recommended by the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), and the Center for Disease Control (CDC), with the exceptions noted.

- DTaP, DT, Td, or Tdap (Diphtheria, Tetanus and Pertussis)
- Tdap vaccine is now required for children over age 11, booster every 10 years
- IPV (Poliovirus)
- Hib (Haemophilus influenzae type b bacteria)
- PCV 13 (Pneumococcal) vaccine
- Hepatitis B
- MMR (Measles, Mumps, Rubella) or serologic evidence of immunity. Adults born before 1957 are assumed to be immune to measles
- Varicella vaccine (Varivax – for Chicken Pox), or serologic or historical evidence of immunity
- Menactra (Meningococcal disease / Meningitis) – required for those age 11 and older

Policy Exceptions: We recognize that individuals who have had a documented allergy or severe adverse reaction to a particular vaccine may not be able to complete the immunization schedule outlined above. Additionally, individuals with medical conditions such as congenital immunodeficiency or HIV, cancer and who are receiving chemotherapy, transplant patients, and persons receiving immunosuppressive drugs and chronic steroids also may not be able to receive certain vaccines. In these extremely rare circumstances, current documentation from a Physician (MD or DO), or a Pediatric/Family Practice Advanced Practice Nurse (ARNP or PNP), describing the reason for exemption from immunization must be furnished to Camp Jorn YMCA. We are happy to discuss case by case management of the extremely rare circumstance of medical contraindication to partial or complete vaccination.

This policy will be enforced in accordance with all applicable local, state, and federal laws. In no way should this policy be interpreted to violate the laws of the State of Wisconsin or regulations affecting licensed Residential/Day Camps within the state.