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JCC Maccabi Policy Statement on Vaccinations

Safety and public health are priorities for JCC Maccabi. The vaccination of all participants is essential in order to maintain a safe environment and decrease the risk of transmission of preventable illnesses. The establishment of a safe environment must therefore include the requirement that all JCC Maccabi participants be adequately immunized against the preventable diseases as recommended by the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) and the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices.

For JCC Maccabi this is not an issue of individual rights and choice, but an issue of public health and policy. The routine vaccination of all children, staff, and visitors is an important public health matter especially in the environment where participants are housed in a host family, with round-the-clock exposure to other teens and members of different communities.

With the clear public health based need to protect the JCC Maccabi community as a whole, we are requiring that all participants attending JCC Maccabi must be immunized in the manner below. Additionally, a complete immunization record will be required to be submitted from their primary physician along with a JCC Maccabi medical form.

COVID-19 VACCINE: JCC Maccabi will require proof of full vaccination by an approved vaccine for all athletes, coaches, chaperones, delegations heads, volunteers, and age-eligible host family members at the 2022 JCC Maccabi Games, with no exceptions. As of this policy release (August 2021) full vaccination by an approved vaccine is defined as two weeks since the last dose of Pfizer/Bio Tech, Moderna, Astrazeneca, or Johnson & Johnson vaccines. We will re-assess as we get closer to the Games whether required full vaccination alone will be adequate. We reserve the right to add additional precautions including, but not limited to, regular testing, mask wearing, physical distancing, and vaccine booster shots, up to and including canceling the Games if necessary.

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ALL PARTICIPANTS WHO ARE REGISTERED IN JCC MACCABI are required to have **age-appropriate vaccines** recommended by the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP).

- Tdap vaccine
- IPV (Poliovirus)
- Hepatitis B
- Hepatitis A



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- MMR (Measles, Mumps, Rubella) or serologic evidence of immunity.
- Varicella vaccine (Varivax – for Chicken Pox), or serologic or historical evidence of immunity
- Meningitis ACY
- COVID-19

Policy Exceptions

Medical Exemption

JCC Maccabi we will require proof of full vaccination by an approved, vaccine as indicated above, for all participants at the 2022 JCC Maccabi Games.

If a licensed physician, physician assistant, or nurse practitioner certifies in writing that the child has a health condition which is a valid contraindication to receiving a specific vaccine (other than COVID-19), then a permanent or temporary exemption may be granted. This statement must specify those immunizations which may be detrimental. In the event of an outbreak, medically exempt children will be excluded from JCC Maccabi. The length of exclusion will depend upon the incubation period of the particular disease. The Department of Health will be consulted if an outbreak does occur.

We recognize that individuals who have had a documented allergy or severe adverse reaction to a particular vaccine will not be able to receive further doses of that individual vaccine. In addition, individuals with medical conditions such as congenital immunodeficiency or HIV, malignancies receiving chemotherapy, transplant patients, and persons receiving immunosuppressive drugs and chronic steroids, will not be able to receive certain vaccines. In these instances, a physician documenting the problem and exempting the child from further doses of that specific vaccine must be furnished to JCC Maccabi.

In addition, if an individual or his/her family believes that a specific situation poses extenuating circumstances, and furnishes a letter from a medical doctor (MD) substantiating this contention, JCC Maccabi medical will review such situations on a case by case basis.

A parent or guardian must submit a written statement from a licensed physician (M.D. or D.O.) which states:

- That the physical condition or medical circumstances of the child are such that the required immunization(s) is not indicated.



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- Which vaccines are being exempted.
- Whether the medical exemption is permanent or temporary.
- The expiration date, if the exemption is temporary.

Religious Exemption

JCC Maccabi **does not accept** religious exemptions from vaccinations. No teen may participate that is not vaccinated, unless there is a medical letter of necessity from a licensed physician. No distinction is made between exemptions based on religious beliefs and other personal beliefs.

Foreign Exception

Approved vaccines and dosage for COVID-19 are listed above.

Vaccines administered outside of the United States will be accepted as valid. For vaccines, other than the COVID vaccine, JCC Maccabi will require foreign participants to meet the standards set forth by their country of residence in order to participate. Participants from outside the United States must provide written vaccination records prepared by an authorized medical professional in their country. All written vaccine records presented will be reviewed carefully.

Host Families

Age-appropriate vaccines are required for all household members of host families in the JCC Maccabi Program.