



Camp Gan Israel | Plano Texas

Summer 2020

Parent Handbook Addendum

COVID-19 Camp Policies and
Procedures

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Dear Parents,

As we prepare for the upcoming summer at Camp Gan Israel, first and foremost in our minds is the safety and wellbeing of our campers and staff. There is so much information out there, much of it conflicting or changing quickly.

The information contained in these pages reflect discussions and consultations with officials from local, state and national organizations. We have done our best to provide you with a clear, concise and practical outline of what we have planned for the camp season.

This information and attached acknowledgment of receipt of this packet, is an addendum to the Parent Handbook, which can be found on our website.

Please know that we will be in contact with all relevant agencies to keep up to date with changes that may occur during the summer camp and will share them with you.

With all necessary precautions in place and our vigilance during the summer we cannot guarantee COVID-19 or other illnesses will not occur at camp this summer. No camp can make that guarantee. Please make the best decision for you and your family.

As always, feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns that you may have over the summer.

With heartfelt prayers for a well-deserved safe, healthy and enjoyable summer for our campers!

Sincerely,

Rivkie Block, Director

Sholom Block, Assistant Director

If you have any questions or concerns please contact us via email at **cgiadmin@cgiplano.org** or call us at **(972) 965-9855**

What To Expect When We Open

*All procedures are based on the latest guidelines, recommendations and policy from the state.

*We will communicate with you any updates or closures via email, text or handout.

Drop Off and Pick Up Procedures

Drop off:

Please drop off your child at the side of the building (signs will direct you where to go), do not get out of your car, a staff member will come and take your child from the side of the car .

At this time, the camper's temperature will be taken & and you will be asked a few basic questions to confirm your child was not exposed to the virus or someone that is showing symptoms. Please do not drive away until it is determined your child temperature is in the normal range.

Pick Up:

As in previous years, all parents receive a number for carpool to be displayed in their car window. Your child will be brought to your car.

For the safety of our campers and staff, **PARENTS OR ANY VISITOR WILL NOT BE ALLOWED IN THE BUILDING AT ALL.** If you need to speak in person to a staff member, please reach out to the office and we will come out to you.

Sick Policy

- Please check your child's temperature at home prior to coming to camp.
- Keep your child home if they are showing any signs or symptoms of illness.
- Any child with a temperature of **100.4** or above will be sent home and be unable to return for 72 hours.
- Children must be symptom free (without the aid of a fever reducing medication) for 72 hours before returning to camp.
- If your child has an excessive and unusual runny nose, cough or sneeze, we will ask that you pick up your child and keep him/her home for 72 hours. In some cases, a note from your child's doctor will be required for your child to return to camp.

- If your child shows symptoms while at camp, you will need to pick up your child within 30 minutes.
- If you have multiple children in our camp, siblings of the sick child must leave as well and not return until 72 hours of being symptom free.
- If you, your spouse or other members of your family have a temperature or are sick, we respectfully request that you keep your child/ren home.

Masks

- All staff will be wearing masks as often as possible, especially during times that they are in close proximity to the children; this includes, changing diapers, serving food, speaking directly to one child.
- We are encouraging our campers who are entering Kindergarten and over, to wear masks while inside. From the most current information out there, wearing masks is the single greatest deterrent to the spread of COVID. We will be providing disposable masks to the children each day. You may provide your child with a cloth mask from home. Please be certain to label it.
- Young children will not sleep with masks, however, the cots will be set up 6 feet apart.

Creating a Stable Environment

In an effort to limit exposure and to provide contact tracing should the need arise; the State of Texas has mandated the following new regulations:

- Bunk size will be under the state recommended size
- Children will remain with their bunk for the duration of the day. Counselors and campers cannot move to other bunks during the day.
- Children will wear colored wrist bands to help prevent group mixing
- Physical distancing (6 feet) for campers and counselors within their bunk will be encouraged.
- Each bunk will use the shared equipment separately, which will be sanitized and disinfected between each use.

In the event bunks are gathered together for a show or performance, the following conditions will be met:

- There will be no more than 3 bunks gathered together.

- All staff will wear masks.
- There will be 9 feet separation between bunks.
- Campers will be encouraged to wear masks at these events.

Sanitizing

All materials not easily sanitized, such as fabric, will be removed from the classrooms. Our onsite custodian will be sanitizing the building thoroughly throughout the day. Counselors will sanitize the toilets and sinks after each use.

Hand washing will take place often and under the supervision of the counselors. The following times are mandatory for handwashing:

- Immediately upon entering the building in the morning.
- Before and after snack.
- Before and after going outdoors to play.
- After using the bathroom.
- Before leaving camp at the end of the day.

In addition, there will be hand-sanitizing stations set up throughout the building.

Food

- **No food will be served in Camp this year.**
- Parents must provide an AM & PM snack along with lunch.
- Food should be sent in disposable bags or containers to limit the possible exposure.
- Camp will provide plastic water bottles to each camper as to avoid using water fountains and dispensers.

Personal Belongings

- Please do not send any reusable containers to camp for your child's lunch. Everything must be in disposable containers and easily opened and eaten by the children with little counselor help.

- Please do not send a water bottle to camp with your child. Each morning and afternoon, we will give disposable water bottles labeled with the campers name to be used during the day.
- Water fountains, pitchers and coolers will not be used during camp.
- For younger campers who will be sleeping in camp, please note you will be asked to take home their sheet and blanket each day to launder and return the following day.

Closures

Due to new regulations, if we experience an exposure or presumed exposure, we must close our center for a minimum of 24 hours. We will notify you immediately if that is the case.

Staff

All staff that will come from out of state will be brought earlier and undergo a quarantine and be tested for the virus before being allowed in to camp.

As well all of our staff will be required to take two courses offered by Texas A&M AgriLife Extension: one course is on "Providing High Quality Experiences during COVID-19 for Emergency Child Care Settings," and "Special Considerations for Infection Control during COVID-19."

Communicable Disease Plan (CDP)

Our CDP is available on our COVID page, www.CgiPlano.org/covid

Travel

During this time, if your family /child participate in any travel within or outside the USA, your child may not return to camp for 14 days while you monitor your health prior to returning to our camp. We highly advise that you not travel outside of the USA during this time. Please contact the camp directors if you do plan to travel,so they can make a determination on your ability to re-enter camp.

Waiver

We now require parents and staff sign a waiver stating that they are at camp of their own free will and understand the potential risk involved with being at the camp. See attached form. This must be signed and returned before you child can attend.

Waiver will be made available during the registration process.