



CAMP GAN ISRAEL MEASLES VACCINATION POLICY

Dear Parent/Legal Guardian:

Measles is spreading across the United States, and while Chicago has good vaccination coverage overall, children who are not up to date with vaccines could be at increased risk. The majority of cases across the country are in unvaccinated individuals. Measles is a very contagious respiratory disease caused by a virus. It spreads through the air through coughing and sneezing. Measles starts with a fever, runny nose, cough, red eyes, and sore throat, and is followed by a rash that spreads all over the body. Serious health complications can occur, especially in infants, pregnant women, and those with weak immune systems. An infected person can spread measles to others even before developing symptoms and will infect 9 out of 10 individuals who are not protected.

The best way to protect your children is by making sure everyone receives measles-mumps-rubella (MMR) vaccine on time. Children usually get the first dose of MMR at 12 to 15 months of age and the second dose at 4 to 6 years of age. Minimum Health Requirements for enrollment in Chicago Public Schools already includes a requirement for 2 doses of MMR vaccine at least 28 days apart.

Because of the seriousness of this illness, Camp Gan Israel of Lakeview requires that the "Measles Vaccination Parent Acknowledgement" form (which may be downloaded under the "Current Campers" section of our website, CGILakeview.com) be completed and submitted before the first day of camp attendance.

Please feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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