

**Temple Sinai of North Dade**  
**Policy on Vaccination for Formal and Informal Youth Programming**

**Vaccination as a Jewish value**

Each year, the American Academy of Pediatrics publishes a “Recommended Childhood and Adolescent Immunization Schedule.” Practicing pediatricians across North America recognize this schedule 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 most cherished Jewish values is the imperative for preserving life and maintaining health. We embrace this value specifically by taking preventive measures to protect the public health of our synagogue community as a whole. ***This is why we require all children, staff, and faculty who attend our summer camp, Religious School, Early Childhood Education, and youth programs to adhere to the immunization standards described below.***

**Vaccination is a shared responsibility and is our expectation**

Parents send their children to Temple Sinai to enjoy themselves, have positive social interactions, learn from the rich Jewish environment and be safe and healthy. All the fun, friendship building, Jewish identity affirmation and character development can only happen if we are confident that individual safety and public health remain at the center of every decision made throughout our programs. Reducing the risk of vaccine-preventable illnesses entering any of our programs is the most effective strategy to protect public health. This goal can be accomplished only through the appropriate vaccination of **all** participants and staff.

**What we require**

All participants and staff are required to have completed the most current **age-appropriate vaccine schedule** recommended by the American Academy of Pediatrics and the Centers for Disease Control. Listed below are the recommendations at the time of adoption of this policy.

1. ***Children below the age of 11 will have completed all of the age appropriate number of doses of each immunization listed below, the specific number of doses depends on the age of the child.***
  - DTaP (Diphtheria, Tetanus & Pertussis) HiB (Haemophilus Type B)**
  - IPV (Polio)**
  - MMR (Measles, Mumps & Rubella) PCV13 (Pneumococcus)**
  - Varicella (Chicken Pox)**
  
2. ***Children between 11 and 12 years of age will have completed all of their age appropriate vaccine schedule which specifically contains the doses as noted here.***
  - DTaP/DT/TDaP (Diphtheria, Pertussis, Tetanus) – 5 doses**
  - Varicella (Chicken Pox) – 2 doses**
  - MMR (Measles-Mumps-Rubella) – 2 doses**

3. For children over age 11(completion of the above series listed in #2, PLUS):  
**Meningococcal (Menactra or Menveo)** – 1 dose, second booster dose at age 16  
**TDaP booster (Pertussis, Tetanus)** - 1 dose between ages 11–12 (As per above)
  
4. For anyone over age 18 (completion of the above series listed in #3, PLUS):  
**Pertussis & Tetanus (TDaP)** – Booster doses are given every 10 years after the dose given in early adolescence, please ensure you are up to date.  
**Pneumococcus, Meningococcus, Shingles** - Please review your eligibility for these vaccines with your health care provider.
  
5. Highly recommended for everyone  
**Hepatitis A** – 2 doses  
**Hepatitis B** – 3 doses  
**Influenza** – 1 dose (2 if never previously immunized). Influenza remains a serious illness for all age groups. There have been recent seasonal influenza patterns that have extended into the summer. Since we do not yet know the probability this year if influenza will extend into the summer months, we **VERY STRONGLY RECOMMEND** that participants and staff receive the **flu vaccine** this year.

**Yes, there are very, very rare exceptions to the Temple Sinai Vaccination Policy**

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) describing the reason for exemption from immunization must be furnished to Temple Sinai.** We are happy to discuss case by case management of the extremely rare circumstance of medical contraindication to partial or complete vaccination.

This policy aligns with the “2019 Policy Statement on Vaccine Status of Campers, Staff, Faculty, and their families attending URJ Camps and Israel Programs” and the Central Conference of American Rabbis’ Responsa 5759.10 “Compulsory Immunization.”

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