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A MESSAGE FROM USCJ regarding all USY Youth Groups

USY/USCJ has a medical committee that is creating protocols for us to ensure the safety and well-being of our participants and staff.

This week the committee met again to update the protocols. These protocols are for City Wide, Sub Regional, Regional, Branch and International Programs.

They will meet again on October 3rd for the next update.

1. ALL STAFF MUST BE VACCINATED!
2. Overnight programming has been paused for the months of September and October. Unfortunately, this means we will be unable to have the scheduled USY Mercaz and Ein Gedi Fall Sub Regional Conventions.
3. Day Program protocols have been updated.
  - **For USY (9th - 12th grade):**
    - All of age eligibility MUST be vaccinated to attend (must be at minimum of 2 weeks after their 2nd vaccination).
    - Masks are required to be on at all times!
    - Programs can be held indoors or outdoors (waterparks are not permitted).
    - Food can be served. If it is on a buffet line, it must be served by staff to limit germ exposure. USYers must wear masks while going through the line. If eating indoors participants must sit 6 feet apart. If eating outdoors participants must sit 3 - 6 feet apart.
  - **For USY - Gesher (6th-8th grade):**
    - All of age eligibility MUST be vaccinated to attend (must be at minimum of 2 weeks after their 2nd vaccination)
    - Those of age that are not eligible for vaccines may also attend.
    - ALL participants MUST be masked at ALL times.
    - These activities will ONLY be held outdoors.
    - No food will be served. Water stations will be provided. An individually wrapped snack can be given at the end of the program as participants are departing.