

## Dear Camp Shalom Families,

As you can well appreciate, decisions about camp are always made carefully and thoughtfully, with health and safety as the overall consideration. This is true for our administrative team, head staff, medical team, maintenance crew, and everyone else involved in planning for and overseeing camp. An incredible amount of time and effort goes on behind the scenes, with each team member unquestionably committed to the well-being of everyone in our camp community, and aligned with the core values of Camp Shalom.

We are extremely grateful to have had a safe, COVID-19-free and enjoyable summer last year, and moving forward, we are dedicated to the same level of commitment to everyone's health and safety. We will continue to follow the guidance of Public Health, Ontario Camps Association (OCA), and our own medical committee as we plan for next summer.

For the summer of 2022, Camp Shalom will require that <u>all</u> campers, staff and visitors be fully vaccinated against COVID-19. Vaccinations with a Government of Canada approved vaccine must be received by at least 14 days prior to the start of camp. We also strongly recommend and encourage all staff and other eligible individuals to receive a 3rd dose of the vaccine. In the case of medical exemptions, each one will be reviewed by and subject to a decision by our medical committee. As the pandemic continues to evolve, we reserve the right to include additional requirements in the interest of keeping our community safe.

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We understand that for some families, vaccinating their children against COVID-19 is a decision that requires time and careful consideration. Since this policy is coming out after registration for camp has been completed, we are extending our **full refund policy** until **Tuesday**, **February 22nd 2022 at 2:00 pm**. If you do not cancel your child(ren)'s camp enrollment prior to 2:00 pm on February 22nd 2022, or do not comply with the vaccination policy, our standard **refund policy** will apply. Click **here** to read our financial policies.

Every Zoom meeting we have with our camp staff is filled with phenomenal ideas, amazing plans and indescribable excitement, as we plan for the upcoming summer. We are truly grateful beyond words to have an outstanding group of people highly committed to making the summer of 2022 safe, fun and meaningful.

Thank you for entrusting us with your child(ren) and allowing us to do all we can to impact their summer with a positive Camp Shalom experience! Once again, we know this is a difficult decision for many families and we are here to chat with you if you have any questions. Please be in touch with us.

Warm Regards,

Rebecca Diamond
Camp Director

Dr. Adam Gurau Chair, Camp Shalom Medical Committee