



**PARENT
HANDBOOK PT 2**

HEALTH & SAFETY

- Introduction from Matt.....3
- Vaccine Requirement..... 4
- Pre-Camp Protocols & Family Promise.....5
- Health Center.....6
- Pre-Camp Testing.....7
- What to Expect if a Camper Tests Positive or Shows Symptoms.....8
- Trips & Visitors on Camp..... 9
- Staff.....10



Introduction from Matt

Hello Schodack Families,

Our 66th season is just around the corner and I hope your children are feeling the excitement for their summer at Schodack. Our year-round team cannot wait to get to the 12123 in just a few short weeks!

Our goal for this summer is to get back to "camp as normal" in as many ways as possible. While much has evolved since last summer, COVID remains a real concern and continues to be a factor we must thoughtfully and safely prepare for. The Health and Safety Guidelines in this document along with our vaccine requirement shows our commitment to providing a safe summer that is as free from disruptions due to COVID as possible. As always, call us with your questions. Should CDC, NY State and/or our local health department make policy or protocol changes before camp, we might make modifications to these procedures. You would be informed immediately.

We hope you are enjoying the start of spring and are looking forward to your child's magical summer at Schodack.

All our best,

Matt and all of us at Schodack



Vaccine Requirement

As we announced back in February, Camp Schodack will be as close to a fully vaccinated community as possible this summer. This is important in order to limit the need for close contacts to quarantine or be sent home should there be a COVID case at camp.

***Campers 11 years old or younger must have received their primary series of COVID vaccine. The second dose must be at least two weeks prior to the start of camp. We are not requiring booster shots for this age, but they are strongly recommended.**

***Campers 12 years and older must have received their primary series of COVID vaccine AND one booster shot.**

Medical Exemption:

We are required to accept medical exemptions which prevent campers from being vaccinated. If your child is medically exempt from being vaccinated, please contact us immediately if you have not already done so.



Pre-Camp Protocols and Family Promise

Your family's behavior in the days and weeks prior to camp is one of the most important factors toward ensuring we have a healthy and successful summer. Making sure everyone in our community arrives to camp COVID-free requires vigilance and a shared commitment to one another. Because of this, we ask the following in the week leading up to camp:

- * Parents will conduct a daily COVID symptom screening of their camper in each of the 7 days leading up to camp. Camp will provide a list of symptoms to look for.
- * We encourage you to consider utilizing face coverings in the days before camp as an extra safety precaution. Please be particularly mindful of this if you or your child are at large gatherings or indoor events. As mask mandates have been lifted we realize this consideration will be a change for many families but we want to do whatever we can to avoid COVID entering camp.
- * Limit any exposure to anyone who is ill or has recently experienced any COVID symptoms.
- * Reach out to camp if anyone in your household has been exposed to someone with COVID, diagnosed with COVID, or has been included in contact tracing. We will work with you to develop a safe plan for joining camp.
- * All families will sign a "Family Promise" acknowledging their commitment to these guidelines.



Health Center

Our medical operations will again be supervised by Dr. DiTursi, our returning pediatrician and a Schodack parent. In addition to Dr. DiTursi, we have added a Physician Assistant, Tracey Kramar, to our live-in medical team. Tracey is also a Schodack parent and we are thrilled to welcome her to camp. We are continuing our partnership with Albany Medical Center, the leading teaching hospital in our area, and will have Senior Pediatric Residents on rotation in our Health Center most days of the summer. This is all in addition to our Health Center Coordinator, Jessica Moriarty, and our team of 7 nurses. We feel fortunate to be able to provide such high-level medical care with this wonderful team.

Camp Schodack has again obtained a CLIA (Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendment) Certification waiver that allows us to conduct COVID testing on-site. Our Health Center will have full access to PCR and rapid antigen testing throughout the summer.



Pre-Camp Testing

Your child's successful entry into camp will require proof of two negative COVID tests:

Test 1: All campers will be required to take a lab-based RT-PCR COVID test within 72 hours of their arrival at camp. Families will coordinate this test at a lab of your choosing and the results of this test must be uploaded into your CampInTouch Account.

Test 2: All campers will also take a Rapid Antigen Test at home on the morning of their departure for camp. The results of this test must be reported to our office before you leave for camp or board the bus.

In the case of a positive result on either of these two tests, please contact camp immediately and we will discuss the current CDC guidelines and how we can allow for a safe entry for your child into camp.

Testing Exemption:

The CDC does not recommend getting tested again in the three months after a positive viral test, as long as the individual does not have symptoms of COVID-19. This is because a person can continue to test positive for COVID-19 for up to 90 days post virus onset, even though they are no longer contagious.

If any camper or staff member first contracts COVID-19 during the 3 months prior to their camp arrival date AND have met the criteria to end isolation, they may attend camp and be exempt from testing. Campers or staff to whom this applies must submit documentation of positive viral tests (dated) and a letter from their healthcare provider that states they have been cleared for camp.

If you have had COVID-19 prior to the 90 day window before your arrival at camp you will NOT be exempt from testing.

Camp Testing and Screening

Testing As Needed

We will perform testing throughout the summer for anyone displaying COVID symptoms. We will have the capability for both rapid PCR and rapid antigen testing.

Ongoing Symptom Screening

In addition to our medical team, counselors will be trained on how to observe COVID symptoms and regular symptom checks will be conducted for all campers and staff.

What to Expect if a Camper Tests Positive or Shows Symptoms

If a camper tests positive on their PCR Test prior to camp, they will need to quarantine at home and follow all current CDC Guidelines. As of now, that would be 10 days from the positive test and clearance from their home doctor and our camp physician.

If a camper tests positive on their rapid antigen test at home on Opening Day, they will be required to obtain an RT-PCR test and communicate with camp about the next steps.

Any camper who tests positive for COVID while at camp would be isolated and must be picked up from camp within 24 hours. We will not treat anyone with COVID at camp for a length of time and that camper must remain at home for 10 days. The rest of that camper's bunk would be monitored for symptoms and any non-boosted close contacts would need to quarantine at home.

We want our communications to be targeted and relevant, so we will only communicate with you if your child tests positive or if they are considered a close contact to someone who tests positive. Please note that we will not share specific names or personal information of other campers due to protection of their privacy.

If a camper displays symptoms of COVID while at camp they will be screened by our medical staff. A COVID test may be administered and the camper will be isolated until the results come back. If the results are negative, the camper will return to their bunk once they are fever and symptom free for 24 hours. To avoid any unnecessary testing/quarantine, if your child experiences seasonal allergies with symptoms that appear similar to COVID, please consider starting a medication to manage those symptoms prior to camp.



Visitors On Camp

In order to prioritize the health of our community, we are not hosting Rookie Days while camp is in session and private prospective family tours will only be for vaccinated visitors. All deliveries and essential vendors to camp will be alerted to our safety protocols and will remain masked and/or socially distanced from campers and staff at all times.

Trips

Off-Camp Trips

Outings off-camp are a fun part a Schodack summer and we are excited to add some Trip Days back into our program this year. By remaining very cautious to limit any possible COVID exposure and by keeping a close eye on the infection rate in our area, we feel there are certain trips we can manage safely and with little-to-no risk.

Below are some details about how trips will operate this summer:

- All campers will go on two Trip Days each session, typically leaving after breakfast and returning in time for dinner.
- Trips are at locations we are very familiar with and are well-supervised by Schodack staff.
- Indoor trip locations will only include venues we can rent out privately, such as a roller skating rink, movie theater, bowling alley, etc.
- Outdoor trip locations could include local state parks for hikes or a local beach for games and swimming, and Senior campers and LTs may visit local towns to explore, like Saratoga. (Please note we will be sending a separate email about the overnight trip being offered for our LTs.)
- A number of optional, outdoor adventure-themed trips will be available for campers as well. Due to our desire to limit outside contact, we will hold off on inter-camp competitions and optional Cultural Trips for one more summer.

Staff

Staff Arrival and Orientation

As with our campers, all Schodack staff will be fully vaccinated and boosted prior to the start of camp. We have organized a vaccine clinic on-site for any international staff who do not have access to a booster shot prior to their arrival. All of our staff will be required to show proof of a negative PCR COVID test and rapid antigen test prior to arriving at camp.

Staff Time Off

Staff will be allowed off-camp during their "time off". Safety protocols for their time away from camp and additional testing will be utilized as needed for all staff throughout the summer.



We are so excited to
welcome everyone back to
their summer home for
2022!



#NoPlaceLikeSchodack

40 Krouner Road - Nassau - NY - 12123