



CAMP GAN ISRAEL - DALLAS

COVID-19 HANDBOOK

SUMMER 2021

Dear Parents,

As we prepare for the upcoming summer at Camp Gan Israel, first and foremost in our minds is the safety and wellbeing of our campers and staff. There is so much information out there, much of it conflicting or changing quickly.

The information contained in these pages reflect discussions and consultations with officials from local, state and national organizations. We have done our best to provide you with a clear, concise and practical outline of what we have planned for the camp season.

This information is in addition to the Parent Handbook, which can be found on our website.

Please know that we will be in contact with all relevant agencies to keep up to date with changes that may occur during the summer camp and will share them with you.

With all necessary precautions in place and our vigilance during the summer we cannot guarantee COVID-19 or other illnesses will not occur at camp this summer. No camp can make that guarantee. Please make the best decision for you and your family.

As always, feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns that you may have over the summer.

With heartfelt prayers for a well-deserved safe, healthy and enjoyable summer for our campers!

**Sincerely,
Rabbi Moshe & Chana Naparstek, Co-Directors
Mrs. Talia Wolk, Program Director**

What To Expect

*All procedures are based on the latest guidelines, recommendations and policy from the state.

*We will communicate with you any updates or closures via email, text or handout.

Drop Off and Pick Up Procedures

Drop off:

Please drop off your child at the side of the building (signs will direct you where to go), where a staff member will then help take your child from the side of the car. At this time, the camper's temperature will be taken. Please do not drive away until it is determined your child temperature is in the normal range. A Covid-19 screening form is required to be filled out for every child twice a week (Monday & Thursday). There will be a link sent home to fill it out the night before.

For the safety of our campers and staff, **PARENTS OR ANY VISITOR WILL NOT BE ALLOWED IN THE BUILDING AT ALL.** If you need to speak in person to a staff member, we will come out to you.

Sick Policy

- Keep your child home if they are showing any signs or symptoms of illness.
- Any child with a temperature of 100 or above will be sent home and be unable to return for 72 hours.
- Children must be symptom free (**without the aid of a fever reducing medication**) for 72 hours before returning to camp.
- If your child has an excessive and unusual runny nose, cough or sneeze, we will ask that you pick up your child and keep him/her home for 72 hours. In some cases, a note from your child's doctor will be required for your child to return to camp.
- If your child shows symptoms while at camp, you will need to pick up your child within 30 minutes.
- If you, your spouse or other members of your family have a temperature or are sick, we request that you keep your child/ren home.

Masks

- Based on the latest CDC guidelines as of 5/21/21 *“Cohorting should not replace other prevention measures, including wearing masks. Campers and staff in the same cohort should continue to wear masks at all times, except when eating and drinking or swimming”*, CGI Dallas will require mask wearing indoors for children ages 5-12. We are not requiring mask for Mini Gan ages 2-4, but you are more than welcome to send your child to camp with a mask.
- All staff will be wearing masks as often as possible, especially during times that they are in close proximity to the children; this includes, changing diapers, serving food, speaking directly to one child.
- As mentioned in the cover letter, this is a fluid situation and may possibly change based on further CDC and state guidelines.

Creating a Stable Environment

In an effort to limit exposure and to provide contact tracing should the need arise; the State of Texas has mandated the following new regulations:

- Bunk size will be under the state recommended size
- Children without exception must remain with their bunk for the duration of the day. Counselors and campers cannot move to other bunks during the day.
- Each bunk will use the shared equipment separately, which will be sanitized and disinfected between each use.
- We will be sanitizing and disinfecting between every transition and activity.

In the event bunks are gathered together for a show, performance or trip, the following conditions will be met:

- All staff and campers will wear masks.
- There will be 10 feet separation between bunks indoors.

Sanitizing

All materials not easily sanitized, such as fabric, will be removed from the classrooms. Our onsite custodian will be sanitizing the building thoroughly throughout the day. Staff will sanitize the toilets and sinks after each use.

Hand washing/sanitizing will take place often and under the supervision of the counselors. The following times are mandatory for handwashing:

- Immediately upon entering the building in the morning.
- Before and after snack.
- Before and after going outdoors to play.
- After using the bathroom.
- Before leaving camp at the end of the day. In addition, there will be hand-sanitizing stations set up throughout the building.

Food

- We will be offering a Hot Lunch program this summer. Food will be prepared with staff using masks & gloves
- Parents must provide an AM & PM snack along with lunch.
- Food should be sent in disposable bags or containers to limit possible exposure.

- Camp will provide plastic water bottles to each camper as to avoid using water fountains and dispensers.

Closures & Communicable Disease Plan (CDP)

Due to new regulations, if we experience an exposure or presumed exposure, we must close the exposed group for a minimum of 24 hours. We will notify you immediately if that is the case.

Staff

All staff that will come from out of state will be tested for the virus before being allowed in to camp.

Travel

During this summer, if your family /child participate in any travel within or outside the USA, your child may not return to camp until a negative PCR covid test is provided.

Waiver

We require parents and staff to sign a waiver stating that they are at camp of their own free will and understand the potential risk involved with being at the camp. See Covid -19 Update page on the website. This must be signed and returned before your child can attend.