

Camp Twin Lakes Immunization Policy - 2021

Camp Twin Lakes requires that all campers, staff and volunteers (including day volunteers) are immunized according to the Center for Disease Control Immunization Schedule. Please follow these links to find the [child and adolescent immunization schedule](#) and the [adult immunization schedule](#). Full immunization status of camp visitors is imperative in order to protect individuals who cannot receive vaccinations from contagious illnesses.

Our position has been guided by the Georgia Department of Public Health's (GDPH) Immunization Guidelines for Schools and Childcare Facilities.

Camp Twin Lakes does not mandate how partners confirm immunization/exemption status. However, we have complied best practice recommendations, [denoted in green](#), based on the GDPH Immunization Guidelines.

Medical

- Camp Twin Lakes allows for medical exemptions for the following medical conditions: prior allergic reaction to a specific vaccine, congenital immunodeficiency or HIV, malignancies receiving chemotherapy, transplant patients, and persons receiving immunosuppressive drugs and chronic steroids. "Medical exemptions" such as needle phobias are not permissible, as these situations do not endanger life or health.
- Per the GDPH, "Medical exemptions are used only when a child has a medical condition that keeps him from being able to receive a specific vaccine(s), not all vaccines.

A medical exemption must be marked on the Georgia Immunization Certificate (Form 3231). A letter from a physician, Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN) or physician assistant (PA) attached to the certificate will not be accepted as a medical exemption. It must be marked on the certificate.

A physician, APRN or PA must re-evaluate the need for a medical exemption at least once each year and issue a new certificate of immunization at that time. The date of expiration on the section of the certificate marked "medical exemption" should be one year from the date of issue and never be longer than one year."

- Therefore, our recommendation for Best Practice is to [obtain a copy of Form 3231](#) (which should have already been provided to the child's school).

Religious

- Camp Twin Lakes does not allow for any religious or philosophical exemptions for any vaccination listed in the Camp Twin Lakes Immunization Policy.

Required Immunizations

Adult staff and volunteers:

Minimum requirements:

- Immunity to MMR
- Immunity to Varicella
- Td/Tdap within the past 10 yrs
- Pneumococcal if 65yrs+ (PCV 13 and PCV 23)
- Meningococcal up to age 21yrs
- Tb questionnaire

May be recommended by provider, not required for camp:

- Pneumococcal if <65yrs
- Hep B all ages
- Hib all ages
- Hep A all ages
- Shingles if >50yrs
- Seasonal flu vaccine, especially for programming October – March

Campers:

Minimum Requirements:

- MMR
- Varicella
- DTAP, DT, or Tdap
- Hep B
- Polio
- Meningococcal for 11-21yrs
- Hib

May be recommended by provider, not required for camp:

- Hep A
- Pneumococcal
- Seasonal flu vaccine, especially for programming October - March