

Camp Hertko Hollow is committed to providing in-person summer camp sessions to children with diabetes between the ages of 5-17 during the months of June and July in 2022. The planning for our program is underway, and we are excited to serve our diabetes community once again face to face. To ensure this happens safely, we are implementing two new requirements to keep our campers and volunteer staff as healthy as possible.

Due to the continued high spread of the coronavirus SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19) throughout the United States, we have deliberated at great lengths with our Medical Directors, Board of Directors, and legal counsel about what precautions we should take to protect our campers and staff. Campers and volunteer staff members will need to provide proof of being fully vaccinated against COVID-19 before camp begins. Campers and volunteer staff members with medical exemptions to vaccination will be permitted to attend with documentation from their physician.

The CDC and other organizations recommend that all children and adults receive the COVID-19 vaccine, with emphasis on children and adults at risk for more severe disease – this includes individuals with diabetes. Vaccines have been proven safe and are approved for children ages 5 and up. This covers the age bracket of campers that we serve.

In addition to vaccination, each volunteer staff member and camper must provide proof of a negative COVID test (PCR based test is what our medical team will allow) performed at least 48 hours prior to arriving at camp. This documentation must be presented at camp check-in and will minimize the risk of COVID-19.

To summarize:

- Covid vaccines are required for all volunteer staff members and campers due to the current nature of COVID-19. Each volunteer staff member and camper will provide our office with a copy of their current immunization record. This will confirm all immunizations, including COVID-19 vaccines, are up to date. If additional COVID-19 vaccine doses are recommended by the CDC prior to the start of camp, we will request updated vaccine records prior to check-in. All immunization records will remain private and confidential.
- Each volunteer staff member and camper must have a negative Covid test within 48 hours prior to arriving at camp. Documentation is to be provided at check in and will remain private and confidential. This will significantly decrease the chance of someone carrying the virus at the beginning of their camp session and will decrease the risk of a COVID-19 outbreak.

Our main goal is to make sure Camp Hertko Hollow serves your child in the safest way possible. Our camp medical directors and camp leadership support these new measures to ensure camp will continue to thrive, even under the uncertainty of COVID-19. We are dedicated in providing the level of care and safety you expect for your child while attending Camp Hertko Hollow.