

## URJ Camps and Immersives

### COVID-19 Vaccination Policy – 3/1/23

#### COVID-19 Vaccination, Summer 2023

- COVID-19 Primary Series: **required**, as in 2022
- COVID-19 Bivalent booster: **very strongly recommended**

We will continue to **require the COVID-19 primary vaccination series** for all campers and staff in our community, as we did in 2022.

We **strongly urge and ask** that all members of the community also **receive the COVID-19 Bivalent Booster**, which has been available in the US since September 2, 2022, for people ages 12+ and since October 12, 2022, for children 5-11 years old. The more people in the community who receive the COVID Bivalent Booster prior to camp, the stronger the communal protection against disruptions due to COVID. We are asking for your partnership in this effort – every individual plays a critical role in the wellness of our camp and program communities.

**Please, if you haven't already, we strongly urge and ask you to get the Bivalent Booster for yourself or your child(ren).**

- The communal living environments of our camps and programs implicitly have higher risk for illness transmission (COVID and otherwise) than most home, school, and work environments. The Bivalent booster is our best tool to mitigate this communal COVID risk. Our goal is to have the highest possible COVID Bivalent booster vaccination rate possible in our communities.
- The Centers for Disease Control (CDC), American Pediatric Association (APA), American Medical Association (AMA), and Public Health Ontario all agree that the Bivalent Booster helps minimize the spread and severity of disease. <sup>1, 2, 3</sup>
- We will continue to monitor this closely and we remain committed to creating a healthy and safe environment for our summer residential programs. If any member of our community does not get the Bivalent Booster, no exemption process is required.

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1 <https://www.fda.gov/emergency-preparedness-and-response/coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19/covid-19-bivalent-vaccine-boosters#:~:text=A%20single%20booster%20dose%20with,the%20currently%20circulating%20Omicron%20variant.>

2 <https://www.nih.gov/news-events/nih-research-matters/bivalent-boosters-provide-better-protection-against-severe-covid-19#:~:text=Bivalent%20booster%20vaccines%20against%20SARS,previously%20received%20a%20different%20booster.>

3 <https://news.ontario.ca/en/release/1002597/all-ontarians-aged-5-eligible-for-bivalent-booster>