**COVID-19 FAQ’s**

**Will camp be a bubble this summer?**Camp will be a controlled environment this summer with limited and carefully managed trips in and out of camp. No visitors will be allowed on campus this summer, and we will schedule virtual visits for families with full-season campers in lieu of in-person visiting.

**Do we need to schedule a test before camp?**Yes, each camper will need a negative PCR (molecular) test 72 hours before arriving at camp.

**Will campers live and travel in cohort groups?**Yes, campers will live and play within their cabin group for the beginning of each session. We are hoping to be able to expand the group size especially outdoors and enjoy larger group activities.

**Will campers still have choice?**Absolutely! Each cabin group will have several choices of electives that will change regularly.

**Will the cohort groups grow in size?**  
We hope so. Once we test during the first week of each session, we are hopeful that we can interact in larger groups. These requirements are changing frequently, and we are monitoring the state’s guidelines.

**Will campers wear masks?**  
Campers will not wear masks when they’re in their bunks with their bunkmates, or when doing certain outdoor activities. We will not likely have to mask when we are outdoors or indoors with our cohort groups. Campers will wear masks if they’re indoors, or near campers or staff from other bunks.

**What will the program look like? Will we have field trips? Intercamp games?**Camp Avoda’s program will be similar to that of previous summers in most ways. We will have electives, league, and all program areas will be open. We anticipate that during the first week of camp, most of these activities will happen within cohort groups, and that the groups will be opened up after some in-camp testing. Field trips will be limited to small cohort groups, outside activities, and places where Camp Avoda can be the only participants. They are unlikely to happen with their usual frequency. While intercamp games are unlikely to occur, we will still hold tryout and provide extra training and skill building opportunities for the boys. We are working on a plan to play those sports in a competitive way.

**What will meals look like?**  
Meals will likely look similar to our usual experience. Since our campers eat in the cohort groups, and our mess hall is large, we hope to eat as usual. We are working to make an alternate salad bar plan, and will have extra adults serving and supervising meals.

**How will time-off work for staff?  
As of now, we are still evaluating staff time off restrictions. Staff will have time off weekly, maybe at camp instead of out of camp or perhaps in a different controlled environment open only to Avoda staff. Vaccination and accurate testing may contribute to the final plan.**

**Will campers have to quarantine before camp starts? How about staff?**  
We will not be requiring families to quarantine at home prior to camp. We are asking that campers stay with their family groups for the 3 days following testing before camp.

**Will camp have the ability to test campers, CIT’s and staff for COVID-19?**Yes. Campers and staff will be tested at camp as required by the State of Massachusetts and recommended by the CDC. Most testing will happen at camp both for surveillance and for diagnostic purposes.