



## Immunization Requirements for Volunteers 2017

Summary of Camp Korey immunization requirements for campers, staff and volunteers.

	<i>Campers</i>	<i>Year-round Staff, Summer Staff and Summer Volunteers</i>	<i>Weekend/ Special Program Volunteers</i>
<b>MMR Vaccine, Titer or date of illness</b>	Required	Required	Strongly recommended
<b>Varicella Vaccine, Titer or date of illness</b>	Required	Required	Strongly recommended
<b>Tetanus/pertussis</b>	Required	Tdap required within the last 10 years	Tdap strongly recommended within the last 10 years
<b>Hepatitis B</b>	Required	Strongly recommended or sign waiver	Strongly recommended
<b>Hepatitis A</b>	Strongly recommended	Required for kitchen staff – all others strongly recommended	Required for kitchen staff – all others strongly recommended
<b>IPV/OPV</b>	Required	Required	Strongly recommended
<b>Seasonal Influenza</b>	Required Nov 1 – Apr 30	Required Nov 1 – Apr 30	Required Nov 1 – Apr 30

The above stated immunization requirements for campers, staff, and volunteers represent the minimum required for safe participation in the camp program. Camp Korey recommends that all campers, staff and volunteers be fully immunized as recommended by the CDC guidelines.

The CDC immunization guideline for children age 0 – 18 years can be obtained at:

<http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/hcp/child-adolescent.html>

The CDC immunization guideline for adults can be obtained at:

<http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/hcp/imz/adult.html>

### Immunization policy for year-round staff, summer staff, and summer volunteers

- a) This section applies to year-round staff, summer staff, and summer volunteers that are staying overnight at camp and have contact with campers. Immunization requirements for this group are summarized in the above table. Summer volunteers that will be on site for only a few hours and not staying overnight, will have the immunization requirements outlined for Family Weekend and Special Program volunteers (below and in **the above table**). Staff and volunteers that do not meet immunization requirements may have their contact with campers restricted or eliminated per the Medical Director's discretion.
- b) Immunizations must be administered at least **2 weeks prior** to arriving at camp, or coming into contact with campers. This is to allow the body time to achieve adequate antibody protection against the illness.
- c) Given recent pertussis outbreaks in Washington, year-round staff, summer staff, and summer volunteers are required to get a Tdap within the last 10 if they have not had one.

- d) All staff and summer volunteers are required to have a tetanus vaccine booster every 10 years.
- e) From November 1 through April 30, year round staff is required to get the seasonal influenza vaccine, unless it is unavailable. The flu vaccine requirement may be expanded to summer staff and volunteers if flu is actively circulating or predicted to be circulating beyond the November through April timeframe.
- f) Kitchen staff is required to have the Hepatitis A vaccine. For all other staff Hepatitis A vaccine is recommended.
- g) Hepatitis B vaccine is strongly recommended for all staff. There is a small but real risk of contracting Hepatitis B if you are not vaccinated and you come into contact with the body fluids of someone with this infection. Because of this risk, staff who choose not to be vaccinated for Hepatitis B will be asked to sign a waiver.
- h) Staff and volunteers born before 1957 will be presumed to have immunity to measles. All staff and volunteers born in 1957 or later will be required to provide documentation of: 2 doses of MMR vaccine or positive serum titers for measles, mumps and rubella antibodies.
- i) Staff and volunteers born before 1980 will be presumed to have immunity to varicella (chickenpox). All staff and volunteers born in 1980 or later will be required to provide documentation of: two doses of the varicella vaccine, or the date of chickenpox infection or shingles, or positive serum titers for varicella antibodies.
- j) Exceptions will be considered for any staff member or volunteer who has a medical contraindication to any of the vaccine recommendations or requirements.

#### **Immunization policy for Family Weekend (FW) and Special Program (SP) volunteers**

- a) Immunization requirements for FW/SP volunteers are summarized in **the above table**. Volunteers that do not meet immunization requirements may have their contact with campers restricted or eliminated per the Medical Director's discretion.
- b) Immunizations must be administered at least **2 weeks prior** to arriving at camp to allow the body time to achieve adequate antibody protection against the illness.
- c) Given the recent pertussis outbreaks, FW/SP volunteers are strongly recommended to get a Tdap vaccine if they have not had one.
- d) It is strongly recommended that all FW/SP volunteers have a tetanus vaccine booster less than 10 years from the start of the camp session(s) for which they are volunteering.
- e) From November 1 to April 30, FW/SP volunteers are required to get the seasonal influenza vaccine, unless it is unavailable. The flu vaccine requirement may be expanded if flu is actively circulating or predicted to be circulating beyond the November through April timeframe.
- f) Hepatitis A vaccine is required of all FW/SP volunteers who will be handling food.

- g) Exceptions will be considered for any volunteer who has a medical contraindication to any of the following vaccine recommendations or requirements.

**Exceptions**

Exceptions to the vaccine requirements will be considered for any volunteer who has a medical contraindication. Documentation of exceptions should be indicated on the camper application medical forms and signed by the physician, and will be reviewed by the Camp Korey Medical Director. Transplant and some immune compromised patients are not able to receive live vaccines (MMR and Varicella). Individuals with severe egg allergies may not be able to receive the Influenza vaccine.