



Dear Parents,

We would like to share with you the details of our vaccination policy.

We were happy to hear that on January 25th, NACI recommended that “a complete series with the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine (10 mcg) be offered to children 5 to 11 years of age who do not have contraindications to the vaccine, with a dosing interval of at least 8 weeks between first and second dose.” We are glad to see our province is ensuring that all children have access to 2 doses of the vaccine, and that they are now readily available and accessible in all communities in Toronto should a parent wish. Please know, The Ivy respects a parent’s decision regarding COVID-19 vaccinations, for their child. We understand the sensitivity and difficult decision it is for some of our families.

However, as a summer camp that cares for vulnerable populations who swim, eat, play sports, dance, hold hands, hug, cheer and sing together, **we have an increased responsibility to mitigate risk, and ensure we are doing everything we can to protect our staff, our campers and their families.** This is especially true of a day camp that is unable to maintain a strict ‘camp bubble’ environment with campers and staff coming and going each day, some of whom go home each evening to medically fragile or immunocompromised family members.

As such, we want to make you aware with as much advance notice as possible, that for the 2022 season, The Ivy will continue with its’ policy that all eligible campers and staff are required to be fully vaccinated for COVID-19 by the start of their summer session, which now includes children ages 5 years of age and older*.

*For campers born in 2017, please follow the guidelines below:

Born between January 1, 2017 - March 31, 2017	Required to be fully vaccinated as defined by Public Health.
Born between April 1 2017 - May 31, 2017	Required to have at least 1 dose of the COVID-19 vaccine 14 days prior to their first day of camp.

Born between June 1, 2017 - August 31, 2017	No vaccination required but strongly encouraged to receive 1 dose when eligible.
Born between September 1, 2017 - December 31, 2017	Not required as campers are ineligible during the summer months.

As you are aware, this is a sensitive topic for many and making this decision was not an easy one. We looked at this policy from every possible vantage point and how it could affect each of our families and their individual needs.

Please take some time to digest, discuss and contemplate this information with your immediate family. For your reference, there are additional points of interest just following this letter.

We do believe that this is the safest decision to make for our large camp community and one that will hopefully allow the camp experience to return to - *the way summer camp was meant to be*. Please feel free to reach out to us if you have any further questions.

Take good care,
The Ivy Team

Additional information:

- As stated in our terms of conditions, The Ivy has the right to change, update, or cancel policies (*This means as we continue to engage in dialogue with medical professionals, and more research about best practices becomes available we reserve the right to reverse, change or update the current policy*).
- Our full Vaccination Policy, including how to submit proof of vaccination and request an exemption based on medical or creed, will be provided in the coming months.
- The Ivy will ensure privacy regarding staff or camper vaccination status and additional information in accordance with its Privacy Policy.
- Proof of vaccination will be kept in a confidential file, stored in a secure location.
- Any staff or camper with medical or creed exemptions must be aware of and abide by all limitations and regulations to ensure safety for all. Limitations may affect certain activities, notably third-party, off-campus providers, external administrative bodies or associations.
- Medically/creed exempt staff and campers may also expect to partake in additional safety measures, which will be provided later.