

FAQ: Food Allergies, Medications & Other Accommodations

BBYO strives to welcome all Jewish teens, regardless of background, denominational affiliation, gender, sexual orientation, or socioeconomic status, including those with a range of intellectual, emotional, and physical abilities.

BBYO reserves the right to deny or revoke acceptance, in its sole discretion, at any point. Reasonable accommodations are not always possible in all experiences, environments and circumstance.

Food Allergies

Due to the nature of travel experiences, meals are provided through vendors and third parties. This means that BBYO Passport does not have full control over what food will be available and served in each of our destinations. Our staff can be available to support teens to ask the right questions when ordering their food. However, we cannot take responsibility for individual food allergies or ensure that food requests will be fulfilled. With this in mind, families need to make decisions about their teens' safety when food allergies are a consideration.

Medications

Parents should include any/all teen allergies and medications on the health forms in the registration process. This information will be flagged for the program staff prior to departure, and you may review the details together with the staff prior to departure. We suggest that both parents and teens participate in this phone call.

Important Note: Throughout travel, teens are responsible for their own medications. All medications must be in their original containers and prescriptions must include the teen's name on the label.

Safety and inclusion are top priorities at BBYO Passport. With this in mind, your teen's staff will:

- Make requests for food modifications when possible
- Train in the use of epinephrine and the protocol for administering
- Understand an emergency plan for each participant's medical situations. Staff will be able to recognize the symptoms of an allergic reaction and know what actions to take if the reaction occurs
- Have the required authorization and appropriate medication to use in the event of contact with allergen

We ask that families take the following precautions when preparing for departure:

- Please check all medications for expiration dates, replace any expired, unsealed, or previously used medication before packing.
- Supply an extra week of medication to be kept separately during the trip in case medication is misplaced.
- Provide a full set of auto-injectors, as prescribed by physician, in original packing, clearly labeled with the teen's name.
- Teens should be educated about his/her food allergies, symptoms of a reaction and precautions.
- Teens should understand the importance of open communication with his/her staff: Teens are to tell an adult if they might be experiencing an allergic reaction - even if there is no visible appearance of an allergic response - and to never leave the group if symptoms are beginning.

Please note, BBYO Passport will follow an action plan that is agreed upon with the family, based on the full disclosure of the family. BBYO Passport will not assume responsibility and liability for the approach used.