

BBYO IMMUNIZATION POLICY

ALL THOSE WHO ARE IN ATTENDANCE AT BBYO overnight experiences (children and adults) are required to have age-appropriate vaccines recommended by the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) and the Center for Disease Control (CDC):

- Tdap (Diphtheria, Tetanus and Pertussis)
- IPV (Poliovirus)
- Hib (Haemophilus influenzae type b bacteria)
- PCV 13 (Pneumococcal) vaccine or PCV 23
- MMR (Measles, Mumps, Rubella) or serologic evidence of immunity. Adults born before 1957 are assumed to be immune to measles
- Varicella vaccine (Chicken Pox), or serologic or historical evidence of immunity
- Menactra (Meningococcal disease / Meningitis) - required for those age 11 and older

Recommended, but not required-

- Hepatitis A
- Hepatitis B

BBYO strongly recommends the administration of the Hepatitis A vaccine according to the standard AAP/CDC vaccine schedule. Please consult with your doctor about the recommended AAP/CDC schedule for the Hepatitis A vaccine. Due to recent outbreaks of Pertussis and to the possibility that immunity may deteriorate overtime, we are strongly recommending a Tdap booster for those over the age of 9 and/or have not had a Tdap booster in the past 10 years.

The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) urges all eligible adults and teens to receive the COVID-19 vaccine as soon as it is available to them. As with previous BBYO's Immunization policy, BBYO follows guidance from the AAP and CDC and is encouraging all teens to get vaccinated. With that, BBYO is requiring all teens, staff and advisors attending overnight programs based in the United States to be fully vaccinated (vax date plus 2 weeks). Currently, Moderna, Pfizer, Astra Zeneca or Johnson & Johnson are the accepted vaccines. This policy will take effect August 2021 as regional programming kicks off the beginning of the school year.

<https://services.aap.org/en/news-room/news-releases/aap/2021/american-academy-of-pediatrics-guidance-the-covid-19-vaccine-is-safe-effective-and-should-be-given-to-all-who-are-eligible/>

Policy Exceptions: We recognize that individuals with specific medical conditions (i.e. documented allergy or severe adverse reaction to a particular vaccine, congenital immunodeficiency or HIV, malignancies receiving chemotherapy, transplant patients, and persons receiving immunosuppressive drugs and chronic steroids), will not be able to receive certain vaccines. In these instances, a physician documenting the problem and exempting the child from further doses of that specific vaccine must be furnished to BBYO. In addition, if an individual or his/her family believes that a specific situation poses extenuating circumstances, and furnishes a letter from a medical doctor (MD) substantiating this contention, BBYO will review such situations on a case by case basis.

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<http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/downloads/child/0-18yrs-child-combined-schedule.pdf>
<http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/who/teens/downloads/parent-version-schedule-7-18yrs.pdf>