

Camp Krem Immunization Policy

Safety and public health are priorities for Camp Krem. The vaccination of all members of a community creates conditions that protect everyone in it, but especially young children, babies, the elderly, pregnant women, and those who cannot be immunized from harmful and life-threatening diseases.

Camp Krem requires that all campers and staff shall provide documented evidence of immunity to or freedom from the following diseases before attending camp.

Disease	Acceptable Evidence
Polio	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Documentation of age-appropriate polio vaccinations;
Chickenpox	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Documentation of age-appropriate varicella vaccination; • Birth in the United States before 1980; • Laboratory evidence of immunity to or laboratory confirmation of disease; OR • Diagnosis or verification of a history of varicella or herpes zoster by a healthcare provider
Diphtheria, Tetanus, and Pertussis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Documentation of age-appropriate diphtheria, tetanus, and pertussis vaccinations (DTap, Tdap, and/or TD); AND • The most recent tetanus vaccination must have been given within ten years of attending camp.
Measles, Mumps, and Rubella	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Documentation of age-appropriate measles, mumps, and rubella vaccinations; • Laboratory evidence of immunity to or laboratory confirmation of all three diseases;
Hepatitis B	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Documentation of 2, 3, or 4 Hepatitis B vaccinations; OR • Laboratory evidence of Hepatitis B surface antibody (anti-HBs)
Tuberculosis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Negative result from skin test (PPD), blood test (IGRA), or chest x-ray

Policy Exceptions: All campers are required to be fully immunized except for those campers who have one of the following medical exceptions: a weakened immune system from cancer, chemotherapy, radiation therapy, severe allergy, recent blood transfusion.

In the instance that a camper does have a current true medical exception, documentation from the camper's physician specifically identifying the medical exception must be furnished to Camp Krem. Generalized medical diagnosis, religious or personal preference exemptions are not acceptable exemptions for participation in Camp Krem programs. A medical reason relating to autism or other chronic conditions will not be accepted. Medical reason will be verified with the camper's physician prior to being accepted.

With the approved medical exception, a camper who attends camp without immunizations may be dismissed from Camp in the event of an outbreak of a disease that the camper is not immunized for. Dismissal may be for all or part of the remaining session. In this case, a refund of tuition will not be given. Dismissal will be requested for an outbreak in the camper's home area or within Santa Cruz County. This both protects the camper who isn't immunized and any other participant in Camp Krem's program who may be at risk.