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| **JEWISH LABOUR BUND & SKIF COVID-SAFE PLAN FOR SUMMER CAMP**  **6th December 2020 – v5**  **Prepared by**  **Prof. Sharon Goldfeld – Director Centre for Child Health, Royal Children’s Hospital**  **Dr Joshua Osowicki – Paediatric Infectious Diseases Specialist, Royal Children’s Hospital**  **Dr Doodie Ringelblum – GP**  The overarching principle of this document is that it is continually revised. The protocols specified here are best-practice guidelines at the time of writing but inevitably will change before camp as both legal requirements and public health recommendations change.  Additional resources available at <https://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/Pages/school-camps.aspx> | | | |
| **Domain** | **Principle** | **Policy** | **Protocol** |
| Attending camp | All kids need to be well before camp  Helfer must be well and minimse risks to themselves | Camp enrolment/medical forms will specify Covid symptoms and that parents are certifying kids are well at the time of enrolment and again at the time of dropping them off.  Parents to confirm on day camp leaves that kids are well.  Helfer may not attend camp unless well. Helfer will attest to good health prior to and on the day of camp.  Avoid last minute risk exposures | Also include note that names and contact details will be provided to DHHS for purposes of contact tracing in event of a positive case  Parents will provide a signed medical form confirming their child has no symptoms of or risk factors for Covid, gastroenteritis or lice. |
| To and From Camp | Camp drop off should minimise risk of social contact or transmission.  Drop off must not breach the 100 person congregation limit  Bus trip will be as safe as practical given constraints of trip.  Camp pickup should minimise risk of social contact or transmission | Parents to drop off kids without congregating or interacting with other parents of SKIFistn.  Ideally minimise degree of close contact during trip.  Contact between parents and between family groups during pickup will be minimised | Drop off will be done using a drive through/drop off system at GE town hall.  Hand hygiene as soon as kids get out of car, before they have any contact with another SKIFist.  Open windows (if possible)  Masks should be worn on bus trip due to continual close proximity and inability to properly ventilate  Parents to wait in their cars in GE Town Hall carpark. Bus unloaded.  Helfer to escort kids to carpark for reunification, taking care whilst crossing traffic flow even within carpark. |
| Minimise risk of transmission |  |  |  |
|  | Kids and helfer must be monitored for symptoms regularly | Daily symptom check on everyone on camp | Daily temperature checks are NOT required.  Helfer should ask SKIFistn a daily checklist of symptom questions.  Forzitzer should check on helfer daily. |
|  | Ventilation is the single best protective element to prevent viral transmission | Where possible activities should be held outside or with good ventilation. | Hold activities outside where possible including meals. Consider trestle table meals, activities on picnic blankets outdoors; open sided marquees.  Keep flaps, doors, windows open as much as possible including at night.  Take precautions regarding, heat, sunburn and insect bites due to increased time outdoors. |
|  | Social distancing as much as practical | Aim to reduce physical contact between SKIFistn  Helfer should ensure social distancing from each other where practical – eg during helfer meetings etc | Not possible as a blanket rule but may be able to reduce proximity in some situations.  Helfer meetings should be held outdoors or in large spaced rooms where possible. |
|  | General hygiene is critical | Emphasise proper cough and sneeze hygiene | Posters |
|  | Reduce time spent in close proximity where possible | Consider whether to limit specific activities to   * Kraiz only * Snr or Jnr only * Whole camp |  |
|  | Meal times are a time of close congregation and of direct person to person risk. | Hold meals outside where practical  Avoid sharing of food and minimise sharing of equipment  Minimise circulation | Dizur or helfer only to serve food onto plates.  Consider ways to minimise shared handling of drink jugs (eg only dizur pours?)  Alternatively – all kids should have personal (NAMED!) water bottles to use throughout camp including meals  Only Dizur to move around during meals.  Ideally dizur brings food to table, not queueing for food.  Tables and chairs to be wiped with anti-virals after each meal. Cutlery/crockery to be washed in hot, soapy water |
|  | Mask usage is not mandated on camp but should be considered on a case by case basis | Masks should be worn at times of prolonged, close contact.  Helfer to be a role model for rest of camp on mask wearing at appropriate times | Bus or car trips should be done with masks.  All kids should have their own masks for use as needed. Kids will need to have adequate supply of masks and helfer will have to ensure masks are regularly washed and changed. That technically means several per kid. Washing masks according to infection control standards to be supervised by helfer. |
|  | Specific activities may have increased risk | Zingen has been shown to be a higher risk activity but with current low prevalence no restrictions need apply.  Contact sports (inc skoitn shpiln) increase transmission risk  Apel is a close contact activity | Consider gloves, no contact skoits or other activities as alternatives  Consider hand hygeine before apel |
|  | Campsite hygiene must be maintained to a high standard. | Constant hand hygiene. Increased attention to handwashing with soap and water and/or hand sanitiser throughout the day and especially before activities involving touching/contact of food, shared equipment or other people.  Shared equipment – eg sports balls, kayak paddles, electronics etc  Increased attention to cleaning camp esp high touch points.  Minimise touchpoints. | Soap or hand sanitiser at all points on camp esp meal areas, bedrooms etc and to be stocked daily.  Signage on how to properly wash/sanitise  Supervision especially of juniors due to their age, especially of seniors due to their indifference  Should be cleaned between uses with alcohol wipes or antivirals  Regular arbetn to clean all sites at risk and restock hand sanitiser etc. Adequate PPE for cleaning – eg gloves, masks  Toilets and bathrooms need particular cleaning |
|  | PPE usage is not routinely required but may be needed and should be adequate for the task. | Ensure adequate supplies of gloves and gowns of different sizes!! | Ensure adequate supplies (including varying sizes!!) of masks, gloves, shields and gowns. |
| Maintain adequate records |  |  |  |
|  | Maintain safe environment  Limit campsite to less than 100 people | Everyone attending camp needs to certify they are well before coming. | Maintain record of everyone who attends camp and their confirmation that they have no covid symptoms.  Need a register of name and phone number of everyone who attends camp  No visitors’ day, which would inevitably breach numbers restriction.  Parents attending camp to pick kids up or drop them off should remain in the carpark and a helfer will attend to assist with kids. |
| Plan for disaster scenarios before camp |  |  |  |
|  | Quarantining procedure for suspected case. | Any child who develops any symptoms needs to be isolated from rest of camp immediately.  They need to be observed from a distance to ensure no deterioration in condition. They should not be made to feel criticised or demeaned.  Seek immediate advice from camp doctor (Doodie 0425 819 226).  To minimise close contact with helfer in car, consider helfer doing the swabbing on camp and taking the sample to the testing site. | Need adequate spaces/rooms to isolate.  Isolated kids cannot isolate together.  Helfer need to be trained in proper, full PPE usage and how to swab. Adequate supplies of PPE and test kits to be provided.  Parents to provide consent to helfer swabbing.  If parents not prepared to have helfer swab child, they will have to attend camp to take child for testing and isolation till a negative result received. |
|  | SKIFist who turns out to be a close contact | If a SKIFist turns out to be a close contact of a positive case in Melbourne they will need to be isolated. Then seek further advice from camp doctor and DHHS. |  |
|  | In event of a case of COVID on camp | Notify camp doctor and DHHS for advice on how to isolate and abandon camp. |  |
|  | How to safely return a single or small group of SKIFistn from camp | If a child needs to return home from camp due to COVID concerns, it is preferable they are picked up safely by a parent.  If a helfer needs to take a child to Melbourne, they will be at risk of contracting illness due to prolonged trip with an at risk person | Follow guidelines above for “drop-ins”.  Such a helfer should seek advice from camp doctor. In all likelihood, they should isolate until a test result of the suspect child is obtained, and not return to camp until that time.  As this will reduce the helfer numbers on camp, it may be appropriate for a single helfer to drive the SKIFist. Ask YB about the child-safety implications of this. |
|  | How to entirely abandon camp safely | In the event of a confirmed case of Covid on camp, it is likely that camp will need to be abandoned. | Seek advice from camp doctor and DHHS re travel arrangements.  Arrange for thorough campsite cleaning. |
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| Deal with issues | Seek help | Camp doctor – Doodie Ringelblum 0425 819 226  Covid hotline 1800 338 663 or 1800 675 398  Know details of local assessment and testing facilities – doctors, COVID clinics, testing centres and hospitals. | Helfer should contact local GPs, hospital and testing centres while setting up camp and discuss those facilities requirements for seeing and assessing children. |
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| Other | Parents need to be reassured that SKIF has a strong Covid-safe policy | SKIF needs to communicate the broad outline of this policy to parents before camp – ideally during recruiting phase – and make it available to parents who wish to read it. | The existence of the COVID-safe policy should be included in camp advertising |
|  | Parents need to be kept informed of any issues. | Parents may need to receive reassurance emails from camp about the state of health of the camp in general (and individual SKIFistn)  Helfer need to keep abreast of news from Melbourne as there may be changes to regulations at any time, and there may outbreaks etc which cause change in requirements. | Regular communication by helfer to the parent WhatsApp group, directly or through the parent communication coordinator.  Helfer must review any COVID updates daily. |
|  | The SKIF policy must work in conjunction with the campsite policy. | Ask John Lindros for his policy and note any possible areas of conflict or improvement. |  |