



Dear Scouting Community,

I am writing to make you aware of the recent action taken by the Health Department of Sullivan County, NY. To prevent the potential spread of measles through the county, on Tuesday, May 28, health officials mandated that all youth and staff members, including adult volunteer leadership, attending summer camping programs be required to show proof of immunization. New York state has also removed religious exemptions for immunizations.

This public health order applies to all our camps and programs at Camp Turrell for the 2019 summer season. Those without proof of immunization cannot attend camp.

Proof of immunization can be one of the following:

- Written documentation from the health care provider of one or more doses of the measles-containing vaccine (MMR) administered on or after the first birthday for preschool-age children and adults not at high risk.
- Two doses of measles-containing vaccine (MMR) for school-age children and adults at high-risk, including college students, healthcare personnel, and international travelers.
 - A camper, staff member or volunteer who is in the process of receiving the measles vaccine may attend or work at camp if they have received at least the first dose of the measles vaccine, has an appointment to complete a second dose of measles vaccine twenty-eight days after the first dose was administered, and has not been recently exposed to an individual with measles. Written confirmation from a healthcare provider that lists the 28-day appointment is required as confirmation.
- Laboratory evidence of immunity to measles, mumps, and rubella
- Laboratory confirmation of measles
- Date of birth before 1957

Please note, the only exception for this requirement is for someone who is unable to receive the vaccine due to medical reason that is documented in a signed letter from a physician, nurse practitioner, or physician's assistance.

To comply with the public health order, a parent or guardian must notify the camp if their camper has any possible exposures to the measles illness twenty-one days prior to attending camp and/or the camp season. Volunteers, staff and campers will be asked about potential exposures upon medical re-check at camp.

Our goal is always to provide a safe and healthy experience for our staff, volunteers, and youth members. We plan to open camp during our regularly scheduled time frame in July. We do not expect this policy to affect any camp or council activities beyond the immunization requirement for all staff, volunteers, and youth members.

For more information on the measles vaccines, please visit: <https://www.cdc.gov/measels/vaccination.html>
If you have any questions, please reach out to Michael Wirth, Camping Director at Michael.Wirth@scouting.org

We look forward to seeing you this summer.

Yours in Scouting,

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