

## BNEI AKIVA UK SUMMER 2021 CORONAVIRUS POLICY

*This policy has been drafted in line with government guidance for safe use of out of school settings<sup>1</sup>, the NYA guidance for the Youth Sector<sup>2</sup> and other relevant guidelines.*

By attending Bnei Akiva UK summer programming, all participants (including Chanichim, Madrichim, other volunteers, parents and Bnei Akiva staff) agree to observe the following policy. This will ensure our ability to provide meaningful, fun, safe and healthy summer programming.

Any participant found to have acted deliberately in contravention of the policy, thereby putting the health and safety of others at risk, will be removed from all programmes that they are signed up to.

### Health and Safety Risk Assessment

Our risk assessment related to the coronavirus can be found [here](#).

### Infection Protection and Control

By implementing the following steps, we will create a safer environment where the risk of transmission of infection is substantially reduced:

- **If a participant, or anyone in their household, develops coronavirus symptoms (a new, continuous cough or a high temperature, or has a loss of, or change in, their normal sense of taste or smell) they must not attend the planned activities**
- Cleaning hands more often than usual - wash hands thoroughly for 20 seconds with running water and soap and dry them thoroughly or use alcohol hand rub or sanitiser ensuring that all parts of the hands are covered
- Ensuring good respiratory hygiene by promoting the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach
- Cleaning frequently touched surfaces more often than usual using standard products, such as detergents and bleach
- Minimising contact and mixing through having consistent groups and considering the environment being used
- Where possible all spaces should also be well ventilated using natural ventilation (opening windows) or ventilation units.

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<sup>1</sup> Guidance: Protective measures for out-of-school settings during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak, Published 14 June 2021 <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/protective-measures-for-holiday-or-after-school-clubs-and-other-out-of-school-settings-for-children-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak/protective-measures-for-holiday-and-after-school-clubs-and-other-out-of-school-settings-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak>

<sup>2</sup> National Youth Association Guidance for England: <https://nya.org.uk/guidance/>

On all sites and at all activities we will aim to:

- use signs, posters and regular reminders to build awareness of good handwashing technique, the need to increase handwashing frequency, avoid touching your face, and to cough or sneeze into your arm rather than your hand
- provide more waste facilities and more frequent rubbish collection
- Provide hand sanitiser in multiple locations
- use disposable paper towels in handwashing facilities, where possible
- set clear use and cleaning guidance for toilets to ensure they are kept clean and social distancing is maintained

It is noted that there may be an additional risk of transmission in environments where there is singing, chanting, shouting or conversing loudly, even at a distance. The content of activities will be adjusted accordingly.

### **Lateral Flow and PCR Tests**

All participants will have to show proof of a negative Covid-19 test result before being allowed onto the coach, or onto a Bnei Akiva site. This can be done in one of the following ways:

- Arrange your own PCR test within 72 hours of departure and email your result confirmation email to [lorraine@bauk.org](mailto:lorraine@bauk.org).
- Attend a lateral flow testing day at the London/Manchester Bayit. You will be able to book your space at [www.bauk.org/covid-test](http://www.bauk.org/covid-test).

During the course of Machane, Lateral Flow Tests will need to be taken every 3-4 days. Every child over the age of 11 must participate in these tests. Refusal to do so will result in removal from Machane.

### **Masks**

All participants will be expected to wear a mask covering their mouth and nose if and when instructed by Bnei Akiva Staff. If a mask cannot be worn for any reason the participant must maintain a distance of 2 metres between themselves and any other participant. All participants over the age of 11 must wear a mask at all times indoors unless eating, participating in physical activity, or in their bedrooms. All participants must bring a mask with them to every event.

### **Transport**

When travelling by coach, participants must follow guidance as explained by the driver or Bnei Akiva staff. Masks must be worn for the duration of travel and no food will be allowed to be consumed during travel. Any participant contravening these guidelines will be removed from all programmes they are signed up to.

## Toilets

While it is not necessary for each group to use a separate toilet, there will be limits on the number of participants using the toilet at any one time and different bubbles will not be able to use the same facilities at the same time. Signs in and around toilets will promote good hand hygiene and encourage all participants to wash their hands thoroughly, with soap and running water for 20 seconds, after using toilet facilities.

Toilets will be cleaned thoroughly using standard products such as detergent and bleach, at a higher frequency than might have been previously considered appropriate.

## Groups

Participants to our residential camps will be kept in small, consistent bubbled groups, of no more than thirty children. All participants will practise social distancing in line with the government's current guidance. Groups may be located on the same site, but will be kept distinct and separate. Children should ensure they are not mixing and maintain a distance of 2m from participants in other bubbled groups.

## Staff

At each site and activity we will have at least:

- One person with first aid training
- One person with responsibility for welfare and safeguarding who will report back to the Designated Safeguarding Lead

Groups will operate in line with Bnei Akiva staffing ratios at all times.

## PPE (Personal Protective Equipment)

We are not expecting that staff or participants will need to wear PPE. Guidance indicates that PPE should only be worn if a distance of 2 metres cannot be maintained from any participant displaying coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms. PPE will be worn by relevant Bnei Akiva staff in such circumstances.

NOTE: Participants who require first aid will receive care in the same way as they normally would. No additional PPE is needed due to coronavirus for anyone who does not have related symptoms.

## Illness

If any participant becomes unwell with symptoms of Covid-19 (a new, continuous cough or a high temperature, or has a loss of, or change in, their normal sense of taste or smell) they will be sent home immediately and advised to follow the [COVID-19: guidance for households with possible coronavirus \(COVID-19\) infection](#) guidance (See also 'Confirmed Cases' below).

A participant awaiting collection will be distanced from the rest of the group and isolated (with appropriate adult supervision) in a ventilated or open area. If a distance of 2 metres cannot be maintained, the adult supervisor will wear PPE.

The child will be able to re-join the group after taking a PCR test and receiving a negative result.

Staff who have helped a participant with symptoms do not need to go home unless they develop symptoms themselves or the participant subsequently tests positive. They should wash their hands thoroughly for 20 seconds after any contact with someone who is unwell. Cleaning the affected area of the setting with normal household disinfectant after someone with symptoms has left will reduce the risk of passing the infection on to other people.

### Confirmed Cases

If a participant or staff member tests positive for Covid-19 either after being sent home to isolate, or during a regular lateral flow test on camp, they will be removed from the camp and not be able to re-join. They must follow all NHS track and trace guidance. They can do this by visiting [NHS.UK](https://www.nhs.uk). Fellow bubble members will not need to isolate unless contacted by NHS Track and Trace, and Bnei Akiva will work closely with Track and Trace to ensure the safety of all participants.

### Parents

Our policy and goal of keeping everyone safe and health extends to parents and carers of participants.

We ask that when parents and carers drop off participants at the coach stop they observe social distancing, do not congregate, and follow the signs, markers and instructions given by Bnei Akiva staff. There should be no need to wait when a participant is dropped off as Bnei Akiva staff will be there to look after them immediately. No parent or carer will be permitted to enter the sites where activities are running or arrive unannounced outside of designated pick up and drop off times. If a parent or individual enters a site without permission you risk compromising the entire Machane. This will be treated as a serious breach of trust, and your child will be removed from Machane immediately and will not be able to return.