

Bnei Akiva UK 2020 Coronavirus Policy

This policy has been drafted in line with government guidance for safe use of out of school settings¹, multi-purpose community facilities² 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.

¹ Guidance: Protective measures for out-of-school settings during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak, Published 1 July 2020 <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-out-of-school-settings-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak>

² Guidance: COVID-19: Guidance for the safe use of multi-purpose community facilities, Updated 6 July 2020 <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-for-the-safe-use-of-multi-purpose-community-facilities/covid-19-guidance-for-the-safe-use-of-multi-purpose-community-facilities>

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.

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. Masks must be worn at all times on coach transport. **All participants must bring a mask with them to every event.**

Transport

We will be putting on transport if and when requested. When travelling by coach, participants must follow guidance as explained by the driver. This will usually include sitting in alternate seats and wearing a mask for the duration of travel. Any participant contravening these guidelines will be removed from all programmes they are signed up to.

Indoors

Activities taking place on Bnei Akiva controlled premises this summer are limited primarily to the use of the London and Manchester Batim. Where required there will be regular thorough cleaning between activities and groups. One-way systems and ventilation will also be in use. At any other venues (e.g. on day trips) we will adhere to the relevant policies in place there.

Groups

Participants to our Svivot will be kept in small, consistent groups, and of no more than 15 children and at least two staff members. (This will be extremely rare if at all, with groups more likely having no more than 10 participants.) All participants will practise social distancing in line with the government's current guidance.

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 Daniella if any concerns arise

These can be the same person.

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 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.

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.

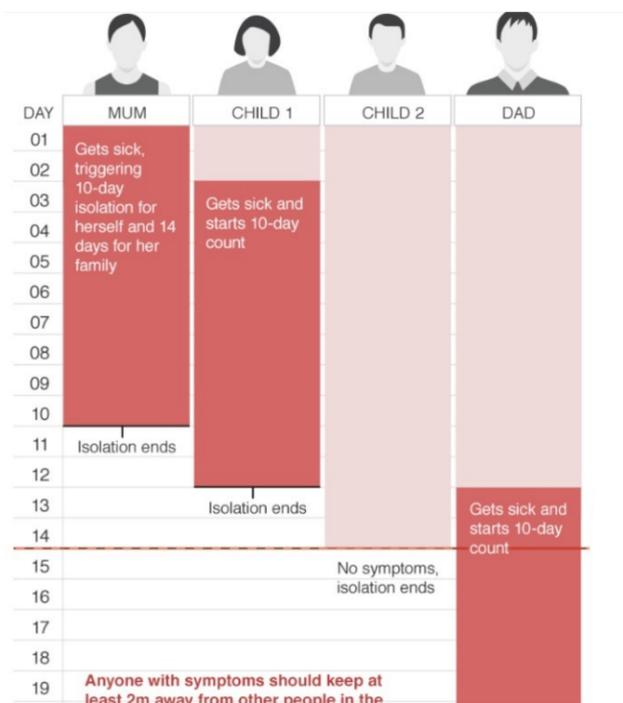
Confirmed Cases

If a participant or staff member develops symptoms compatible with coronavirus (COVID-19), they will be sent home and advised to self-isolate for 10 days and arrange to have a test to see if they have coronavirus COVID-19. They can do this by visiting [NHS.UK](#). Their fellow household members should self-isolate for 14 days.

If the individual tests negative, they can return to the setting and the fellow household members can end their self-isolation.

If the individual tests negative but is unwell, they should not return to that setting until they are recovered.

If the individual tests positive, NHS Test and Trace will speak directly to those they have been in contact with to offer advice. NHS advice may impact the possibility for further activities for that year group to go ahead.



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 that 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 stay on the sites where activities are running or arrive unannounced outside of designated pick up and drop off times. Therefore, we must do our utmost to ensure that all activities run to time.