

Dear friends:

We hope that you and your families are staying healthy and safe during this challenging time. Our last detailed update was a few weeks ago. Since the situation is changing day by day, we wanted to share our latest thoughts regarding the coming summer.

Will camp open this summer?

Based on everything we know right now, and consistent with current guidance from the American Camp Association and Foundation for Jewish Camp, we are planning for camp to open this summer. We are moving ahead with hiring and program planning, and we are making all relevant decisions as if camp will open. However, our collective knowledge of COVID-19's spread and containment changes day by day. We are watching the latest developments closely and will let you know as we learn more information. We cannot guarantee that camp will open, but we hope it will.

When will we know for sure?

First session starts on June 29th, nearly three months from now (84 days, to be exact). We have set an internal deadline to make a definitive, final decision at the beginning of June. Of course, if we learn information before then that makes the decision any more clear than it is today, then we will immediately let you know. For example, if the US quarantines are lifted on May 15th (this is a purely random date), then it would be a good sign that camp can open a month and a half later. We will keep you fully updated of these types of developments.

Will I still have a job this summer?

We certainly hope so! We are currently moving forward with camp planning and making all decisions as if camp will open. Of course, nobody knows what the future holds in store. Of course, we all have to be realistic and recognize that there is a chance camp will not open this summer. There is also a chance that camp will open only for a week or two at a fraction of our normal size. If either of these things happen, then most of us will not have a job this summer. **If that happens, then we will defer all job offers to the summer of 2021.** You will have a standing offer to join us next summer if you cannot join us this summer. Right now, things are changing very quickly, so we cannot predict what the future holds in store. We are hopefully that camp will open while planning for all possibilities. We will keep all of you updated as we learn more.

I'm an international staff member. What should I do about my flight ticket?

As we mentioned a few weeks ago, J-1 visa holders have a travel ban until at least the middle of May. It might be extended. We just don't know. This means that, if you have already purchased tickets to fly to the United States, please seek a refund right now. Once we have more information about dates and the lifting of travel bans, we will advise you right away to re-book tickets based on updated travel dates. Again, for now, please seek a refund of your currently-booked tickets until we have a better sense of dates.

What precautions will you take when camp opens?

The American Camp Association is currently formulating detailed safety procedures for camps. Once those procedures are released, we will follow all of the recommendations in addition to implementing

any other protocols suggested by our camp's medical experts (including our multiple camp doctors and nurses, who stay at camp, send their kids to camp, and care deeply about our community's safety).

Can we get involved with the camp community now?

As we mentioned in the last email, with many children and parents home from school and work right now, we are running online events for our camp families. Do you want to lead an online cooking, fitness, dance, or yoga class? Please send abc@camp.org an email if you're interested.

We are all hopeful that camp will be able to open this summer. We also appreciate how challenging it is to make definitive plans with so much uncertainty. We will keep all of you updated as we learn more.

Most importantly, we hope you are all staying safe and doing well. Please be in touch with any questions.

Warm regards,
The Camp Team