





KPS Guidance on summer camps 2021 #2 - May 8, 2021

Dear Plastuny and Friends of Plast!

As you may know, our Regional Camp Committees (OTKs) have been working diligently together with the National Camp Committee (KTK) this year to develop parallel plans for summer camps. One set of plans is for in-person summer camps at Pysanyj Kamin, Vovcha Tropa, and Novyi Sokil, while the other plan is to conduct virtual camps.

One of the key strategies for curbing and preventing transmission of the novel coronavirus and developing COVID-19 and its consequences is the availability and implementation of a vaccine program. Vaccination is well underway in all 50 states. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) regularly issues guidance, most recently on summer sleep away camps. KPS fully supports adherence to CDC and local requirements, and, in line with CDC guidance, has adopted the following requirement:

- All persons, who are eligible for the COVID vaccine, and who will be staying on any of the campgrounds, including staff, bulava, volunteers and participants, must be fully vaccinated against COVID at least 2 weeks prior to coming to the oseli. Currently, this includes everyone from 16 years of age and up.
- All participants in the vyshkoly (leadership development training) must be fully vaccinated, as above.

These requirements, along with those, that are developed by the OTKs, are for the safety of the campers, bulava, administration, medical and other support staff, and others.

We learn more about COVID-19 prevention and illness, coronavirus variants, and immunization daily and CDC and other organizations update their information frequently. As CDC recommendations and authorizations for vaccination change, KPS will issue updated guidance or requirements.

We remain hopeful that vaccination and other prevention efforts will reduce the rate of COVID-19 infections, however, we are tracking developments, including rates community transmission, variants or other changes, and will share this information and update guidance, requirements or other decisions, as needed. Our first priority continues to be the health and well-being of our plastuny and communities. We urge adherence to all CDC, state, and local guidance and regulations.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

SKOB, and stay healthy!

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