

COVID-19 Policy

Habonim Dror Sydney Choref

Machane Dvash

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Purpose:

This policy is created to ensure that all madrichimot have an understanding about the rules and regulations surrounding COVID-19 and Machane Dvash. This policy will be able to be shown to parents, organisations and campsites to highlight our policy surrounding COVID-19, testing, mask wearing and other health measures.

This policy will be constantly updated based on the NSW Health Guidelines and madrichimot will be notified when there are changes and updates.

This policy is based on advice from the AZYC and NSW Health Guidelines.

Definitions:

Hebrew	English
Chanich/a or chanichimot (plural)	Anyone under the age of 18 years who attend activities at Habo
Madrich/a or madrichmot (plural)	A movement leader over the age of 18 years who runs the activities
Madatz or madatzimot (plural)	A year 11 leader who has the role of running junior programs
Peula or peulot (plural)	Weekly programs which are run at Habo house

The following guidelines are a collation of information based on the COVID-19 Guidance Document for Camps by the Australian Camps Association (ACA) along with advice from Government Authorities. At Habonim Dror Sydney, the safety of our chanichimot and madrichimot is our number one priority. In order to be able to run fun, in-person camps, these guidelines MUST be upheld.

If you have any questions regarding these guidelines or would like to receive more information, please contact Daniel Van Sluys Erlic (Sydney Mazkir) at (+61) 401 356 520 or by email at sydney@hdoz.com.

Vaccinations

In line with NSW Health guidelines, participants are **not** required to be vaccinated against COVID-19 or flu to attend camp. **However**, we **strongly** encourage all participants and leaders receive **BOTH** the vaccinations. Habonim Dror Sydney is committed to minimising the spread of flu and COVID-19 on camp and, per NSW Health guidelines, vaccinations are an important step in mitigating that risk. We ask all parents and guardians to stringly consider vaccination prior to camp for the health and safety of all participants and to support Habonim Dror Sydney in creating a fun and safe camp environment.

Covid Testing

- All camp attendees must provide evidence of a negative COVID-19 test result within 72 hours (for PCR tests) or 24 hours (for Rapid Antigen Tests) before camp.
- Any participant or leader who tests positive or is otherwise subject NSW Health Self-Isolation Rules, will not be allowed to attend camp until they have completed their manadatory period of isolation. (<https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/stay-safe/testing/self-isolation-rules>)
- Participants unable to attend camp due to COVID-19 are able to recieve a full refund. Please contact Tsevet Machane for more information at sydcamp@hdoz.com.
- Participants may be able to come late to camp after completing their mandatory isolation period. Please contact Tsevet Machane for more information at sydcamp@hdoz.com. They may also be able to recieve a partial refund.

Positive result

- Any participant or leader who tests POSITIVE on camp will be required to isolate until they are picked up by their parent or guardian. The participant's parent/guardian will be immediately contacted by a member of Tsevet Machane and is responsible for ensuring their child is picked up from camp as soon as possible.
- Habonim Dror Sydney may reimburse parents/guardians for the cost of the remaining days of camp **if** their child tests positive or is sent home for medical reasons.
- All parents/guardians will be notified via email that there has been a positive case on camp.
- In line with NSW Health guidelines and at the discretion of Tsevet Machane, camp will continue as normal and participants will **NOT** be sent home. Relevant "contacts" may be subject to particular requirements, as outlined below.
- Parents/guardians of other participants may choose to pick up their child. Habonim Dror will **not** reimburse parents/guardians for the remaining days of camp **unless** they have previously contacted Tsevet Machane and expressed that they will pick up their child in these circumstances.
- Tsevet Machane encourages any parent/guardian with particular COVID-19 concerns to contact Tsevet Machane **prior** to camp to discuss a specific plan for their child if there is a positive case on camp. This policy is made according to NSW Health guidelines and AZYC policy and will be adhered to unless an alternative plan for individual participants is communicated between Tsevet Machane and that participant's parent/guardian.

- If anyone on camp tests positive, all leaders will wear masks during indoor camp activities.

Negative result

- Any participant or leader who tests NEGATIVE may still be sent home from camp if they display cold and flu symptoms that compromise Habonim Dror's capacity to limit COVID-19/flu exposure on camp. The participant's parent/guardian will be immediately contacted by Tsevet Machane and is responsible for ensuring their child is picked up from camp as soon as possible. The conditions for reimbursement applies as above.
- Anyone with cold and flu symptoms will be sent home from camp at the discretion of Tsevet Machane and Camp Medic.
 - Relevant symptoms include: 38°C+ fever, serious symptoms or a combination of minor symptoms (sore throat, headaches, runny nose, cough, etc.)
 - Participants or leaders displaying any symptom are required to do a RAT, administered by Camp Medic and provided by Habonim Dror.

Contacts and Isolation

- For the purpose of this policy, "contact" will be defined as anyone who:
 - (a) Shares a room with someone who tests positive to COVID-19, or
 - (b) Is otherwise considered a "contact" by Tsevet Machane due to close proximity to a positive case while infectious. This decision will be made at the discretion of Tsevet Machane in line with advice from NSW Health, the AZYC and/or Camp Adult.

Factors which will help in determining if an individual is a relevant contact of a COVID positive individual:

 - If they are in the same year level;
 - If they had any extended periods of face-to-face contact with the COVID positive individual
 - If they had any extended periods of casual contact (being in the same room) with the COVID positive individual
- The parent/guardian of any participant identified as a contact by Tsevet Machane will be contacted individually by phone or email. In line with NSW health, these participants will be allowed to remain on camp, but may be picked up by their parent/guardian at their discretion.
- At the discretion of Tsevet Machane, relevant "contacts" who have tested positive for COVID-19 within 12 weeks of exposure may be exempt from these requirements in line with NSW Health guidelines. Parents/guardians will be asked to disclose this information when signing their child into camp.
- Anyone who shares a room with someone who later tests positive will be noted and monitored for symptoms. At the discretion of Tsevet Machane, these participants may be required to:
 - Wear masks indoors,
 - Continue camp activities in their room "bubble",
 - Sit out of toranot (cleaning) and camp activities that are high risk for the spread COVID-19, and
 - Do daily RATs, administered by Camp Medic and provided by Habonim Dror. Any contact who displays symptoms may be required to do additional RATs and may be sent home regardless.

Isolation

Isolation Facilities should be separated from the rest of the campsite, with a separate bathroom from the rest of the campsite. Isolation facilities should be cleaned when in use and immediately after a period of isolation has finished.

Cleaning requires that all 'high-touch' surfaces (tabletops, doorknobs, bathroom fixtures, toilets, bedside tables, phones) are cleaned using either detergent then disinfectant or a combination detergent-disinfectant product. The disinfectant should say that it is hospital-grade and kills viruses. Chlorine-based products, such as bleach, can be used.

Water-proof gloves and a face mask must be worn (additional precautions may be taken at the cleaner's discretion), they should be removed immediately after use and placed in a medical waste bag (removal and disposal of PPE is detailed further below). The cleaner should wash their hands immediately after.

Density Requirements and Social Distancing

- There are no density/capacity limits.
- A space of 1.5 metres between participants will be adhered to as often as possible.
- Activities will be held outside as often possible, weather permitting.
- If there is a positive case, year levels may be separated into 'bubbles' to limit possible spread of COVID-19.

General Hygiene

- Personal hygiene supplies will be provided and well stocked: toilet paper, soap, paper towels and hand sanitiser.
- Increased thorough and regular cleaning will be undertaken in all facilities onsite e.g. accommodation rooms, bathrooms/toilet blocks, dining room, kitchen, recreation rooms.
- Sanitising stations are located at all camp buildings for use.
- Ventilation and circulation of outdoor air as much as possible by opening windows and doors for all rooms before and after each camp.

Meal times

- All plates, cutlery, etc. will be thoroughly cleaned.
- All madrichimot serving food are required to wear gloves and face masks.
- Access to the kitchen is limited for all madrichimot, with full access only available to kitchen tsevet.
- Kitchen tsevet are required to wear face masks and gloves while preparing meals.
- During toranut, face masks and gloves must be worn.

Sleeping arrangements

- All accommodation/sleeping facilities are cleaned at the end of every camp and between the change of group.
- All campers are to bring their own linen, such as bed linen, pillow covers and towels.

Buses

- Transport company to disinfect buses before use and between uses.
- Chanichimot are to sanitise their hands before entering the bus.
- Face masks must be worn on the bus for everyone aged 12+.

Additional Measures

- Pre-camp screening - if any chanichol or madrichol is experiencing COVID-like symptoms prior to camp they must be tested and cleared before they are able to attend. This additionally includes if the person:
 - Demonstrates a temperature above the normal range (37.5 C) within the last 24 hours
 - Has exhibited any COVID-19 symptoms in the past 2 days
 - Had no known personal contact with a person who has a reported or suspected case of COVID-19
 - Has returned from overseas in the past 14 days
 - Has been directed to a period of quarantine by authorities
- All camp attendees must provide evidence of a negative COVID-19 test result within 72 hours (for PCR tests) or 24 hours (for Rapid Antigen Tests) before camp. See our COVID Policy for more information.
- COVID-19 signage is placed around camp to encourage and remind everyone to practice safe hygiene and social distancing.

Storing and Wearing PPE:

- All unused PPE should be stored in a clean area.
- Putting on PPE should only be done after performing proper hand hygiene.
- Taking off PPE should be done in steps, with hand sanitizer applied between each step.
 - E.g: gloves - sanitizer - goggles/face shield - sanitizer - P2/N95 - sanitizer/washing hands
 - Gloves, Masks and Gowns should be disposed of after use in a designated medical waste bag. Medical waste bags should be available outside of isolation locations so that they are immediately accessible.
 - Medical Waste Bags must be easily identifiable and clearly marked, for the safety of those on the campsite and all individuals that may come into contact with them. They must be stored away from other general waste bags to prevent confusion/contamination.
 - Medical waste bags themselves must be disposed of carefully.
 - Goggles & Face Shields can be reused. They must be cleaned thoroughly after each use with a disinfectant wipe (e.g Clinell Universal Wipes').
 - The wipes must be disposed of in a medical waste bag after use