

Scouting America



Greater Hudson Valley Council

Camp Read Immunization Policy

This document and more can be found at <https://www.ghvscouting.org/read/medical/>

Scouting America encourages all members of the Scouting community to use available vaccines to fully protect themselves from infectious diseases that are dangerous for children and adults living in the United States. Participants who are not immunized are subject to identification so that they may be located in case of a necessity for isolation or quarantine as required by local public health official directives. Based on risk, a valid (within last 10 years) tetanus immunization is **required** to participate. State or local requirements for resident camping may be more restrictive.

[Immunization Policy & AHMR FAQs](#)

Q. What are the required and recommended immunizations?

A. An up to date (within last 10 years) tetanus immunization is **required** to participate.

The following are **recommended** immunizations:

- Tetanus (required), Diphtheria, Pertussis (DTaP or Tdap)
- Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR) (if born in 1957 or later)
- Varicella (VAR) (chicken pox) (if born in 1980 or later)
- Polio (IPV)
- COVID-19
- Hepatitis A (HepA)
- Hepatitis B (HepB)
- Pneumonia (Pneumococcus): PVC13 or PPSV23)
- Influenza (annually)
- Haemophilus Influenza Type B (HIB)
- Human Papilloma Virus (HPV)
- Meningococcus Conjugate (MenACWY)
- Meningococcus Type B (MenB)
- Shingles — Zoster recombinant (RZV)

Q. I / My child has a condition that will not allow immunizations. How will that be handled?

A. Documented medical conditions that prevent safe administration of immunizations can be documented on the Annual Health and Medical Record.



You may also request an exemption using this request: [Immunization Exemption Request](#)

Q. Can I use another medical exam, such as a school sports exam, and attach it to the Annual Health and Medical Record?

A. No. We have designed the AHMR to address the risks in Scouting. We would encourage participants who need both types of exams to complete them at the same time.

Camps must keep a confidential medical record on file for every camper. You will need to provide your child's history of immunization, illness, disability, or allergy. Specify current medications, special diets, and activity restrictions on the [Scouting America AHMR](#) (no substitutions for this form are allowed).

Illness can quickly change a fun camp visit into a difficult experience for campers and staff.

The Department of Health strongly recommends that all campers are up to date on their [childhood vaccines](#) and that staff receive [recommended vaccines](#). Learn more about [recommended immunizations for campers and staff](#).

Section 7-2.8 - Medical requirements

<https://regs.health.ny.gov/content/section-7-28-medical-requirements>

(c)(1) A current confidential medical history, including the child's immunization record which shall include immunization dates against diphtheria, haemophilus influenza type b, hepatitis b, measles, mumps, poliomyelitis, rubella, tetanus and varicella (chicken pox), shall be kept on file for every camper and updated annually. The camper's and staff's family or other responsible person's name, address and telephone to contact during an emergency shall be kept on file.

**You are required to use the Scouting America AHMR, but we can accept a copy of your physician's immunization record in lieu of filling out the small chart on page B2 of the form (please do not attach the full physical)

(2) An overnight camp shall provide parents/guardians of campers attending camp for seven or more consecutive nights with written information about meningococcal meningitis and with a copy of an immunization response form that has been approved by the State Commissioner of Health. [Camp Read's Meningitis Form](#)