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Holiday Camp Covid Information 2021

Dear parents,

The coronavirus remains a concern all over the world and will probably be an issue for some time to come. As we are all aware, measures to combat the virus on a national level can change weekly in some cases. That makes it difficult for us to plan for summer 2021. To help counter this uncertainty, the FYSA has decided to take the following measures:

- **Reduction in the number of summer holiday camps from the usual nine to six.**

Because there is too much uncertainty as to the number of registrations, (attendees) it is not possible to aim for business as usual.

- **Swiss trips have been cancelled for summer 2021.**

The Swiss trip programme revolves around changing locations every one to two days. A mass illness or quarantine in the camp community would be unmanageable. Cantonal measures are also always changing, making it more complicated to plan trips across the country.

- **Any cancellations of individual holiday camps will take place at least six weeks before the start date.**

The FYSA secretariat will provide notification if a summer holiday camp is cancelled. If the FYSA cancels a holiday camp, cancellation fees will not be applied (see GTC).

Further information and recommendations that are important for planning the trip:

Entering Switzerland:

- Swiss nationals can enter Switzerland under any circumstances and at all times. The same goes for the children of Swiss Abroad with a valid Swiss passport/Swiss ID (or a valid Swiss passport/valid Swiss ID held by a parent).
- The current ruling by the Federal Office of Public Health (FOPH) is that people coming from a country or area on the Swiss "List of countries and areas with an increased risk of infection" remain in quarantine for ten days.
- You can find detailed information on the «List of countries and areas with an increased risk of infection» and information on the quarantine [here](#).
- Further information about entering Switzerland is available from the [State Secretariat for Migration SEM](#).
- Quarantine is regulated at the cantonal level in Switzerland. That means the applicable conditions are those stipulated in the canton where your child is in quarantine. Make sure you check with the [cantonal authorities](#) about the quarantine procedure and other conditions.



It is not yet possible to predict which countries will be on the Swiss risk list next summer:

- Make sure your child can travel to Switzerland ten days before the camp is due to start.
 - Children travelling by themselves: Do you have relatives or friends in Switzerland your child can spend quarantine with?
 - Accompanied children: Will you as the accompanying adult have somewhere to spend the obligatory ten days of quarantine in Switzerland?
- The FYSA recommends that families only register children if they have somewhere to spend quarantine in Switzerland.
- Parents are responsible for organising the trip and arranging for somewhere to spend quarantine.

Please note that failure to comply with the mandatory registration and quarantine requirement is a contravention of the Epidemics Act. Should we become aware of such a contravention, it would result in the immediate exclusion of your child from the FYSA holiday camp. We would also be obliged to inform the relevant authorities.

Leaving your country of origin:

- Find out from the authorities in your country of origin what you need to do to leave the country and travel to Switzerland.
- Find out from your airline company whether there are any other travel conditions, such as on stopovers.

Travel and accident insurance:

- We urgently recommend you take out travel insurance in advance including cover for cancellation costs (for the travel and duration of stay).

The FYSA will assume NO liability and NO costs related to travel insurance.

- The FYSA has complementary accident insurance for holiday camp attendees from EU countries and general accident insurance for persons from other countries.
- It is also imperative to take out private health insurance to cover the eventuality of illness in another country.
Costs related to a (potential) case of Covid-19, including Covid tests, medical examinations, etc. are always charged via the health insurance in Switzerland, i.e. they are NOT covered by the FYSA accident insurance policy.
- As parents, you need to be aware that your child will need to be tested if he or she displays [symptoms of Covid](#) during the camp.

The FYSA will assume NO liability and NO costs for your personal health insurance in such an eventuality.

Applications for discounts on travel and/or camp costs:

- It is still possible to apply for discounts on travel and/or camp costs. You can find the relevant form [here](#).
 - It is not sufficient to simply give the global Covid-19 situation as the main reason. We would need a detailed explanation of your situation so we can apply the discounts fairly among those families in need.
 - Applications for travel cost reductions will only be approved if the family can demonstrate that it has taken out travel insurance. If you have any further questions, please contact the FYSA secretariat: info@sjas.ch.



Cancellation of the holiday camp registration:

- As a general rule, our GTC apply and the cancellation costs detailed therein.
- In view of the extraordinary situation, the FYSA will waive the cancellation fee for any cancellations at short notice (=less than 14 days before the camp starts!) due to the coronavirus. That happens when:
 - There is a ban on entering or leaving the country due to the Covid-19 pandemic. You will need to provide official confirmation of the ban on leaving your country of residence when cancelling your holiday camp registration.
 - The person (relation or friend) offering a place to stay during quarantine contracts Covid-19 and cannot guarantee childcare during the quarantine (or the child is unable to attend the camp due to having been in direct contact with an infected person). In this case, the FYSA will need a copy of the person's positive Covid-19 test.

Protective measures and the hygiene regime in the holiday camp

- The FYSA will inform the families about the protective measures and hygiene regime during the holiday camp when it sends out detailed information on the camps. The families will receive the detailed information by email during the spring/early summer before the camp starts.
- We would stress in this connection that the protective measures and hygiene regulations during the camp are for people who are not in a risk group.

We realise that everyone (parents, children, our volunteer leaders and the FYSA) will need to show much more flexibility to manage this year's summer season. At the same time, we all need to be on the same page and be prepared to go the extra mile if we are once again to offer an unforgettable summer in Switzerland to the children of our Swiss Abroad.

We would like to thank you for your openness and cooperation and we look forward to an unforgettable summer in 2021.

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