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Dear Kidney Camp partners, families, and friends

As the Medical Director for Ruth Gottscho Dialysis and Children's Kidney Program at Frost Valley YMCA, and in partnership with Montefiore Medical Center and the Children's Hospital at Montefiore, I am writing to inform you that we will NOT hold kidney camp during the Summer of 2021. The numerous concerns for the health and safety of our immune-compromised kidney campers must remain the priority during this ongoing pandemic. Due to the uncertainties of the times, the potential for exposure, and lack of approved COVID vaccines for children at this time, it is in the best interest of all to postpone our program until the Summer of 2022.

We extend thanks to the medical team and healthcare staff that support our program every year and who have been on the front lines during this challenging time. For our camper families, we remind you that if you have concerns about your child's health during this time, please reach out to your primary care doctor and pediatric nephrology team. For kidney camp program related questions, you can reach out to Maya Doyle, Kidney Camp Coordinator. We are confident that the Kidney Camp Program will resume in the summer of 2022.

Stay safe and well.

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