

YMCA Summer Camp Safety Guidelines

The YMCA has been providing childcare for essential workers and their families since the pandemic started in March 2020. We have provided summer care for between 500-700 children and have had success to date using the policies and procedures we have put in place at the YMCA. We have been following the rules and recommendations of the Center for Disease Control (CDC), NYS Department of Health (DOH) and the Office of Child and Family Services (OCFS). Due to the COVID-19 pandemic the information in this document is subject to change based on new guidelines and information.

HEALTH SCREENING- CHILDREN AND STAFF

- All individuals entering our program space will be screened and their temperatures will be checked. This includes all children in our care, staff, and vendors who might need to access our spaces.
- Wellness checks will be conducted for each child entering camp.
- Staff, vendors, and others entering camp will be logged in the visitor's log for contact tracing purposes. Temperatures for staff, vendors, or others will not be recorded in the log. They will be checked as well or not well.
- Staff, vendors or others will be asked a series of COVID-19 related questions (listed below) to ensure they are not symptomatic.
 1. Have you knowingly been in close or proximate contact in the past 14 days with anyone who has tested positive for COVID-19 or who has or had symptoms of COVID-19?
 2. Have you tested positive for COVID-19 in the past 14 days?
 3. Are/have you experienced any of the signs or symptoms of COVID-19 in the past 14 days?
 - Fever, Cough, Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, Fatigue, Muscle or body aches, Sore throat, Losses of taste or smell, Congestion or runny nose, Nausea or vomiting, and Diarrhea.
 4. Have you traveled to a location where COVID is currently considered a hot spot or has been mandated by New York State as a location where mandatory self-quarantine is required upon return?
 5. Do you have a fever of 100.4 or higher?
- Staff, vendors or others who answer "Yes" to any of these questions or register a fever over 100.4 will be asked to leave camp immediately, unless they are showing life threatening or emergency symptoms of COVID-19. If this is the case, the individual will be moved to a quarantined space away from camp until emergency medical services can arrive on scene.
- Staff, vendors or others who answer "Yes" to any of these questions, but **have received the full vaccination**, are not required to quarantine.
- If a child becomes ill or symptomatic, then the child will be quarantined in a separate location away from other children and staff. This is for precautionary reasons, to ensure the safety of all individuals. Parents will be notified that the child is ill and will be asked to pick up their child from camp as soon as possible.

QUARANTINE LOCATION:

This location will be determined by the entity where the camp is being conducted. This room will be a place where the child will be isolated until they are able to be picked up by parents or guardians in case a child becomes ill or shows symptoms.

PROGRAM DESIGN DURING COVID-19

- Children in our care will be divided into “pods” or “groups” based on age-appropriate grade levels. For example, children in Kindergarten and 1st grade would be a group.
- Children stay in their group the entire time until they were released from camp. Children in their groups have consistent staff (to the best of our ability) assigned to their groups each day.
- Groups are separate from other groups and do not intermingle during camp.
- Camp activities vary and offerings may be different based on space and YMCA restrictions.

STAFFING RATIOS

- We follow all Department of Health (DOH) guidelines for staff-to-camper ratios.

VISITORS

- Visitors have to be pre-approved and make an appointment. Visitors must sign in the visitor’s log and have identification.
- Visitors will wear masks at all times during their visit.
- Visitors will maintain proper social distancing while on location.
- All visitors must follow all YMCA health screening and temperature check guidelines.

HAND HYGIENE/SANITIZING

- Children and staff will perform regular hand hygiene to help stop the spread of germs and help keep our areas clean.
- Children and staff will wash or sanitize their hands at the beginning of camp, before and after eating, and whenever necessary. If children or staff hands are soiled they must be washed with soap and water. Hand sanitizing stations or designated bathrooms will be assigned during camp to accomplish this task.

REQUIRED PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

- Staff are required to wear face masks or face coverings while at camp, based on DOH guidance.
- All visitors, vendors, or others are required to wear a mask while at camp. If they do not have an appropriate face covering, they will not be allowed at camp.
- Staff will be required to wear disposable gloves while cleaning.

CLEANING PROCEDURES

- Staff will sanitize and disinfect areas before, during and after camp. Cleaning will be completed on a regular basis as children transition from activities and spaces. This list includes but is not limited to the following items:
 - High touch point areas
 - Camp materials
 - Before and after snack time at their designated locations
- Staff follow Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines and use cleaners approved to disinfect against COVID-19.

ARRIVAL TO CAMP

- Children will arrive at camp where they will receive a wellness check, including a temperature check.
- Children will travel to their designated group space and will be met by their group's staff members.
- Children will wash/sanitize their hands before engaging in any activities.

DROP OFF & PICK UP PROCEDURES FOR PARENTS

AM DROP OFF

- Parents or guardians will drive their children to a designated area where they will drop off their child into the care of a YMCA staff member.
- Wellness screenings and temperature checks will happen while children are still at the drop off point. A child with a fever over 100.4 will not be permitted into camp. Parents or guardians will need to contact their primary care physician and have documentation stating their child is healthy to come back to camp.
- Once screenings and temperature checks have been complete the children will be escorted to the program location.
- Parents or guardians will not be allowed to enter camp grounds.

AM PICK UP

- Parents or guardians will arrive at designated pick up locations with valid identification (driver's license) to verify that they are on their child's pick-up list.
- Parents or guardians can call the YMCA to notify staff of their arrival.
- YMCA staff will escort students to authorized pick up locations and sign them out of camp.
- Parents or guardians will not be allowed enter camp.

PM PICK UP/DISMISSAL FROM CAMP

- Children will be notified by staff when they're being picked up from camp.
- Children will gather all belongings.
- Children will be escorted by staff to their pick-up location.
- Children will be released into the care of their parent or guardian after a positive ID check has been verified against the authorized pick-up list.