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# School Age Child Care Programming

Thank you for choosing the Y for youth programming opportunities. The Y has worked with federal, state and local health officials and YMCAs throughout the country to develop a careful, phased-in approach to reopening facilities and expanding programs. As always, our highest priority is the safety and well-being of our members, staff and communities.

## Here are some things you can expect from YMCA School Age Child Care programs:

- Thorough cleaning and disinfecting each Y facility and working with hosting facilities on appropriate cleaning procedures
- Developing enhanced sanitation and hygiene protocols
- Sourcing cleaning and sanitation supplies and personal protective equipment
- Implementing personal safety measures for staff participants and visitors to the facility, which includes daily self-reported health screenings and daily temperature checks. If a child or guardian has a temperature of 100 or greater, the child will not be admitted to the facility
- Reconfiguring physical spaces and adjusting equipment to meet capacity and social distancing restrictions
- Developing training programs and instructing staff and volunteers on new procedures

## In addition to the Y's commitment to safety, the School Age Child Care programs have implemented the following:

- Daily participant self-reported health screening
- Reduced program sizes and/or creating cohorts
- Individual water bottles only
- Facility space arranged with 6ft minimum distancing when possible
- Individual equipment and/or enhanced equipment cleaning between participants
- Increase handwashing breaks and/or hand sanitizing stations
- Face mask required
- Parents must drop off and pick up outdoors and cannot enter the facility
- Children will be asked to keep all of their personal belongings in their backpacks or in a zippered bag
- We encourage the child to bring a pencil box with their own supplies to use when participating in art and other table activities
- Children must be in good mental, emotional and social health and be able to function in a group setting in a positive and cooperative manner, displaying tolerance and respect for themselves and others. Any child who is unable to comply with the following additional rules will be asked not to return to care at the discretion of the Program Director. This can be done with either a behavior report or immediate discharge. Children will be expected to:
  - Follow social distancing guidelines
  - Not invade other's personal space
  - Not use other's items inappropriately
  - Follow sanitation requirements
  - Follow the safety guidelines under which our sites are operating



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**To ensure participant safety, youth will not be permitted to attend if:**

- They answer yes to the YMCA screening questions:
  - Have you or someone in your household tested positive for COVID-19 within the last 14 days?
  - Have you experienced any symptoms of Covid-19 in the last 48 hours (cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fever, chills, muscle pain, sore throat, new loss of taste or smell, congestion, runny nose, nausea, or diarrhea)?
- They have a temperature of 100 degrees or more
- A child's parent, guardian or anyone in their household has tested positive
- The child has been notified they were in close contact to a person who tested positive for COVID-19 and they have been advised to quarantine

**Participants who are ill or believe they might have COVID-19 should stay home from programming until they can answer the screening questions.**

**Please contact the program director as soon as possible if COVID-19 is suspected within your household. This information will be kept confidential and allows the Y to assess the risk of spread to other families.**

In the event of a possible or confirmed COVID-19 exposure, the Y will work with local health officials and follow the most current guidelines of the CDC and Iowa Department of Public Health. We cannot reduce the risk of COVID-19 spread without the partnership with the families in our programs.

For participant and community safety, all participants should assess whether they or their household is at greater risk of infection and/or complications due to Coronavirus. You can find guidance from the CDC on assessing risk at:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/need-extra-precautions/groups-at-higher-risk.html>

If you have any questions regarding School Age Child Care please reach out to the program director, Joelle Kleihauer, at [joelle.kleihauer@dmymca.org](mailto:joelle.kleihauer@dmymca.org).