



BACK TO SCHOOL COVID-19 UPDATE

Back to school will look different for many of us this year and children will seek socialization at a safe distance in more ways than before as a result of how COVID-19 has changed our world. As families continue to plan for the upcoming school year, the Y wants to be a resource for you.

Our back to school programming has been modified to put the health and safety of our students and staff first as we strive to provide the tools they need to learn, grow and thrive amidst all of these additional steps.

With guidance from Y-USA and the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), we are following COVID-19 safety precautions within our programs that include practices such as lower staff to student ratio, social distancing, frequent handwashing and enhanced sanitation practices.

We have also updated our check-in and check-out procedures, added daily temperature and health screenings and adjusted activity schedules. Additionally, we have hired more staff that are exclusively responsible for disinfecting and cleaning our facilities. To ensure your student's safety we have also developed Coronavirus-specific staff training and students will now stay in smaller groups as determined by state and local guidelines.

Despite all of these changes, at the foundation of our programs, we still believe in each child's individuality and continue to focus on three areas of development: friendship, accomplishment and belonging. It is important that all students have the chance to experience our core values: caring, honesty, respect, responsibility and faith.

Due to the circumstances surrounding COVID-19, the Y has adjusted some of our normal operating procedures and updated them based off of guidance from Y USA and the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). We are currently following COVID-19 safety precautions within our programs that include practices such as lower staff to child ratio, social distancing, frequent handwashing and enhanced sanitation practices.



Here is a quick glance to highlight some of these procedure updates:

Pick-Up and Drop-Off Sites

- These locations will be equipped with cleaning spray/wipes, thermometers, hand sanitizer and gloves
- Parents will not be permitted in the building for drop-off to reduce the number of people in our facilities
- Each day, parents will be required to acknowledge and answer health screen questions – it is critical that you provide accurate information; failure to do so may result in membership cancellation, removal from currently registered programming, and/or denial of registration for future programming
- Students are required to have their temperature taken daily upon drop-off and must be fever-free (under 100.4 degrees) in order to be admitted to camp for the day
- For the protection of our team, we encourage you to wear a face covering during drop-off and pick-up
- Please check with your branch for specific pick-up and drop-off locations

Classroom Groups

- Classroom groups will be reduced to 10 children and our new staff to student ratio is a maximum of 10 students to one staff

Staff Training

- All classroom staff will participate in coronavirus-specific training as part of our training plan

Staff Personal Protective Equipment and Safety Precautions

- Staff will be required to wear face coverings when indoors and when unable to maintain at least six feet distance outdoors
- Students are encouraged to wear face coverings as well
- All staff on-site will be required to participate in a health screen daily prior to entering our facility

Socialization at a Distance

- Our classrooms will operate activities in spaces large enough to allow for 6 feet of space between students, ensuring seating and desks are at least 6 feet apart

Facility Sanitation

- The Y has added additional staff to disinfect facilities during the day and at the end of each day to ensure proper sanitation
- Handwashing will be continued throughout the day on a regular basis for each child and staff member