



YMCA OF LONG ISLAND CHILD CARE COVID-19 SAFETY PLAN (Updated 9.17.2021)

The COVID-19 Safety Plan is subject to change at any time based on updates provided by New York State. Any changes to the plan will be shared with families.

WELLNESS CHECKS

Screening Criteria

- Students and staff will be screened daily upon arrival by a visual and verbal health check in accordance with NYS OCFS.
- The screening will determine:
 - Is your child feeling well?
 - Do they have any symptoms?
 - Have you or the child had any known contact with a person confirmed or suspected to have COVID-19 in the past 14 days?
- If any of these are questions are confirmed, they will be referred to the leadership staff (Child Care Director, School Age Child Care Director, Site Director, and Assistant Site Director) on site.
- The leadership staff on-site will decide if a participant or staff member is able to stay on site based on the screening.
- When in doubt, we will be asking the participant or staff to leave the site.

Arrival

- Students and staff will be greeted and screened upon arrival as noted above.
- Anyone dropping off a student must be wearing a mask.
- Students & families will receive information encouraging them to keep 6 feet of distance between themselves and until our staff gives them permission to proceed inside the building. (Arrival will vary based on location and further information will be provided)
- Staff will do their best to screen students before entering the YMCA or the program school area.
- Families that need to speak to a staff member will be consulted with a short distance away from the rest of the staff and students.
- For arrivals outside of the set drop-off time, students and staff will be screened upon arrival and before entry.

Pick-Up

- Families will be kept from congregating when picking up their child.
- Anyone picking up a student must be wearing a mask.
- Staff will be strategically placed to keep appropriate distance from families.
- Families will be encouraged to pick up from designated areas. (Dismissal will vary based on location and further information will be provided)

MITIGATION TECHNIQUES

The following mitigation techniques will be reinforced with all students and staff:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 30 seconds
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash and wash your hands.
- Wear a cloth face covering over your nose and mouth.

- Keep social distance from people wherever possible.
- If you are sick, stay home except to get medical care.

When will participants and staff wash hands?

- Handwashing will happen several times a day, including students and staff upon arrival to the school, the YMCA, or the Before and After School Program.
- For handwashing: soap, running water will be used.
- For hand sanitizing: an alcohol-based hand sanitizer containing at least 60% alcohol will be located for areas where handwashing facilities may not be available or practical.
- Hand sanitizer available throughout common areas on site. It will be placed in convenient locations, such as at entrances, exits, and reception desks.

PHYSICAL DISTANCE & FACE COVERINGS

YMCA of Long Island will have the staff maintain a distance of three (3) to six (6) feet from students and other employees. The only exception to this is unless safety or the core activity requires a shorter distance.

Types of Face Coverings

- Acceptable face coverings for COVID-19 include, but are not limited to, cloth-based face coverings and disposable masks that cover both the mouth and nose.

When do we wear face coverings (masks)?

- **Masks are REQUIRED for all children 2 years and up indoors except when eating, drinking, swimming, and resting. Mask breaks will be given as needed.**
- **Students and staff in School Districts programs Pre-K through 6 will be required to wear masks while indoors to comply with school district policies and practices.**
- All YCMA Staff will be required to wear masks when indoors. In addition, staff will wear masks during our morning arrival time for all students. Staff will use further PPE whenever the situation is warranted.

GROUP SIZE

- Children will remain in static groups and will follow NYS OCFS maximum group size by age.
- Groups will remain separate from other groups.
- Groups will have assigned indoor spaces to ensure that groups remain separated.

FACILITIES

- The facility/school and equipment will be routinely cleaned with disinfectant.
- Visitors to the program will be extremely limited. (YMCA staff, Licensing Inspectors, SEITS, therapist, and school personnel)
- Members of the YMCA will be kept separate from students whenever possible. Entrances will be managed.

SYMPTOMS OF COVID-19 AT YMCA/SCHOOL

When symptoms of COVID-19 are displayed at Preschool and in the Before and After School Program, the following protocols will take place:

For Students

- Students will immediately be separated from the group.
- Our leadership staff will be consulted.

- If asked to leave, family will be notified immediately and asked to pick up the student. Students will wait in an isolated space away from the rest of the school population.
- If cleared, students will have another wellness check with our leadership staff throughout the day.

Returning to YMCA/School

- If student is asked to leave the Preschool, the YMCA branch, or the Before and After School Program with a fever of 100.0 or more cannot return to care for 72 hours and will require a doctor's note that they are symptom-free.

CONFIRMED CASE OF COVID-19 AT YMCA/SCHOOL

- If a case of COVID-19 is confirmed with a student or a staff member, NYS Office of Child and Family Services (NYS OCFS), will immediately be informed. Suffolk County or Nassau County will instruct YMCA of Long Island how to proceed.
- After consulting with DOH and contact tracing any close contacts may be asked to self-quarantine from the YMCA program. The self-quarantine can last 10-14 days based on the individual's exposure and symptoms.
- The only exception to this is will be if a person received a negative result from a COVID-19 test. Documentation must be provided.
- For all children and staff that test positive to Covid-19, the YMCA of Long Island will require a negative test result, doctor's note to return to the program or cleared by DOH.

CONTACT TRACING

The YMCA of Long Island is required to report all cases of Covid-19 to Nassau or Suffolk Country Department of Health, NYS OCFS. Confidentially will be maintained as required by federal and state law and regulations.

CREDIT POLICY

NOTE: Credit and Refund Policies are subject to change at any time. Families will be notified if a change occurs.

Preschool Program

If the YMCA closes the program for participants to quarantine due to a mandate from Nassau or Suffolk County Department of Health (DOH), families affected will be credited for days missed on the following month's tuition.

Before & After School Program

If the YMCA is required to close the Before/After School program due to a mandate from our County Department of Health (DOH) office, families affected will be credited for all days missed/closed on the following month's tuition.

If the school district closes a classroom or the school for longer than 3 days due to a mandated quarantine from the County or State Department of Health (DOH) offices, the YMCA will credit starting on the 4th day the participant's days missed on a quarterly basis (March and June) and determine if a credit is applicable. (Documentation will be required)

If a school district goes virtual/remote for longer then 3 consecutive days the YMCA will credit beginning on the 4th day. Credits will be issued on a quarterly basis (March and June) if applicable.

*****PLEASE NOTE THAT AS INFORMATION CHANGES, PROCEDURES MAY ALSO CHANGE.
UPDATES WILL BE PROVIDED TO FAMILIES*****