

Beaver County YMCA Childcare & School Age Programs

SAFETY PROTOCOLS

Our childcare & school age programs will follow recommendations of Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), OCDEL (Office of Child Development and Early Learning) and state and local health guidelines. We have modified previously scheduled programs to ensure safety while providing children with an outstanding childcare experience. Adjustments include the addition of many safety protocols for staff and students.

This page is intended to provide parents and students with a comprehensive overview of changes in policies and procedures while also providing reassurance that **safety is our top priority**.

The following policies are in place as of June 2021. As policies are updated or lessened based on CDC Guidelines and state regulations, families will be notified and this document will be updated.



Hand Washing & Wellness Checks

- Children will be temp-checked if there is reason to believe they are ill.
- Hand washing will be scheduled after each group activity and frequently throughout the day. Alcohol-based hand sanitizer will also be applied throughout the day.
- Staff will remind students to avoid touching their eyes or face throughout the day.



Cleaning/Sanitizing

- The Y will implement sanitation procedures throughout the day, disinfecting high volume surfaces such as doorknobs, tables and bathrooms.
- YMCA cleaning staff will clean and sanitize all spaces at the end of each day.



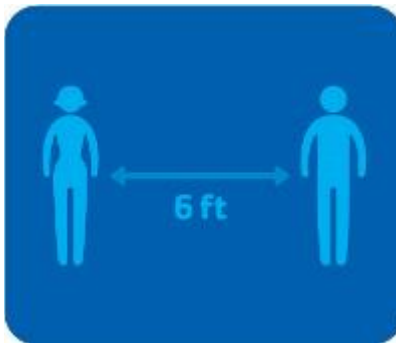
Personal Item Requirements

- Children should leave all non-essential items at home. (This includes, but is not limited to, toys, excessive backpack keychains, etc.)



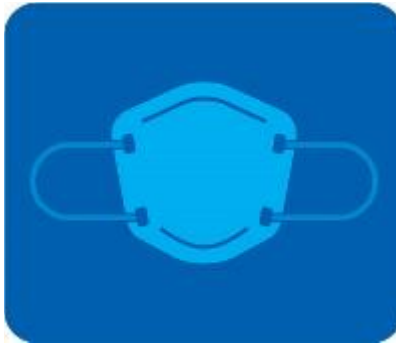
Drop Off and Pickup Procedures

- Parents are not required to wear masks at drop off.



Physical Distancing and Masks

- Contact between classrooms will be limited to reduce the spread of germs.
- Staff will remind children throughout the day to maintain greater physical distance.



Staff Requirements & Training

- Staff will undergo temperature checks if there is cause for illness.
- Staff will observe frequent and scheduled hand washing protocols.
- Staff will wear gloves (or additional PPE) when assisting children with self-care needs.



Response & Policies

- Staff or students displaying a fever of 100.4°F or higher will be excluded from participating in the program.
- Staff or students exhibiting additional symptoms, including but not limited to persistent cough and/or shortness of breath, will also be excluded from the program.
- If a student develops symptoms after admittance to care, they will be separated from their group until pickup by parent/guardian.