

# Youth Programs

## GUIDELINES & BEST PRACTICES

Here are details and steps we are taking to help prepare children and families for a safe program experience. These are based on CDC best practices.

1. Group sizes will be limited to allow for social distancing and to maintain a low adult to child ratio.
2. The classrooms will be completely sanitized prior to each session.
3. Staff members and students will wear masks during class sessions. During times when students are having snack and spaced more than 10 feet apart, we will give the opportunity to take mask breaks while also emphasizing proper procedures for putting on and taking off masks. Staff will wear masks at all times.
4. Handwashing/sanitizing will take place between activities.
5. Activities will be planned to promote social distancing and limited sharing of materials.
6. Students will not be in contact with others not participating in their class.
7. Classes will take breaks at different times so that students do not come into contact with others who are not in their class.
8. At the time of registration, parents will need to complete a “COVID-19 Risk Assessment Form”.
9. Upon arrival, children will have their temperature taken with a touchless thermometer. We will also ask parents the following questions: Has your child or anyone in your household had a temperature in the last 24 hours; experienced any cold or flu-like symptoms; suffered from a chronic cough; tested positive for the COVID-19 virus or been around anyone that has tested positive?

Program staff will also be asked to answer these questions and will have temperatures taken daily, prior to the start of the work day.

**MASKS & YOUNG CHILDREN:** We know that in an ideal world, children would be free to explore and discover without the need for an extra layer of cloth to protect others. For now, based on the CDC guidelines and our commitment to keeping everyone healthy, we are asking all students to wear masks. As mentioned above, our teachers will be planning activities so that children can take regular breaks when socially distanced.

**Children need to bring their own masks to ensure best fit and comfort.** Please spend time preparing your child for this safety practice and remind them that they are helping to keep their friends healthy. If you are unable to provide a mask, let us know and we'll be happy to assist you.

See CDC guidelines for masks here <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/diy-cloth-face-coverings.html>