



Boys & Girls Club of Burlington, Inc.

Addendum to "Summer Camp Program – Family and Member Handbook"

As of June 8, 2020

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GENERAL

It is the goal of the Boys & Girls Club of Burlington (the “Club”) to offer a high quality, fun and supportive summer camp experience to Club members while adhering to best practices in safety. This document provides operational guidance for the 2020 Boys & Girls Club of Burlington summer camp related to the corona virus disease 2019 (COVID-19). COVID-19 is a respiratory illness caused by a new strain of virus that has not been previously identified in humans. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is researching COVID-19, there is currently no vaccine to protect against the virus.

This plan has two main purposes:

1. To protect the health and safety of our Club members and staff, and
2. To implement the health and safety requirements and guidance as required by the Vermont Department of Health, CDC, the Vermont Occupational Safety and Health Administration (VOSHA) and the Vermont Agency for Commerce and Community Development.

KEY POINTS

We will open our summer camp as of June 29th, as originally planned. Though we expect to have a good summer, we also acknowledge that it will not be like those of the past. The last page of this document is the “Assumption of the Risk and Waiver of Liability Relating to Coronavirus/COVID-19”. All families must review this document, and sign and submit to us as part of the registration process

Some fundamental virus prevention precautions detailed in this document include: dropoff/pickup practices, health screening, hand hygiene, facial coverings, social distancing, cleaning/disinfecting, as well as the handling of sickness and/or symptoms of COVID-19 and COVID-19 testing and results.

Adapted program standards detailed in this document include: use of space and group size and organization.

SUMMER CAMP OPERATIONS

The following precautions will be taken in summer camp operations. These are specifically in line with most recently released guidance to childcare and camp providers from the Vermont Department of Health.

Drop Off and Pick Up

- Ideally, one adult will be consistently responsible for Club member drop-off and pickup. This adult should *not* be someone who is self-quarantining or who is COVID-19 positive. We request that this person wear a facial covering, unless it is unsafe to do so.
- Drop-off and pickup times will be staggered and drop-off and pickup locations will be adjusted to limit contact between individuals.
- A hand hygiene station will be provided at the entrance of the Club.

Health Screenings

- Health screenings will be provided when children enter the building. This will include:
 - Temperature check as provided by Vermont Department of Health guidelines.
 - Observation of the person for visible symptoms of infection. The CDC is constantly evolving the list of possible symptoms. Such symptoms currently may include: high temperature, cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, repeated shaking, muscle pain or lack of taste or smell.
 - Survey of parent/guardian (preferred) or child: 1) Have you or you been in close contact with anyone who has COVID-19 and 2) Do you or your child feel sick, particularly with the symptoms consistent with COVID-19?

Hand Hygiene

- All staff and children will need to engage in hand hygiene at numerous times throughout the day, as indicated by the Vermont Department of Health. This includes: before entering the facility, after staff breaks, before and after preparing or eating food or drinks, before and after eating and handling of food, before and after administering medication, after using a toilet, after coming in contact with bodily fluid, after handling any animals, after playing outdoors, after playing with any sand or sensory play, after cleaning and after handling garbage.
- Hands should be washed with soap for at least 20 seconds. When not available, hand sanitizer with at least 70% alcohol can be used in lieu of soap. The Club will provide soap and hand sanitizer.

Facial Coverings

- All staff will be instructed on CDC guidance for proper use of facial coverings. Staff will be required to wear facial coverings while providing care and will be encouraged to wear them when physical distancing may be difficult to maintain.
- Children will be strongly encouraged to wear facial coverings. This will be part of the culture of our camp. Exceptions include medical reasons or when it is not developmentally appropriate.

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Cleaning and Disinfecting

- In addition to the normal cleaning mandated by state licensing requirements, all common spaces and equipment and frequently touched surfaces and doors will be cleaned and disinfected at the beginning, middle and end of each shift, as well as when any spaces or equipment turnover.
- Toys that cannot be easily cleaned such as soft toys or puppets will not be allowed.

Sickness or Symptoms Consistent with COVID-19

- When possible and appropriate, the Boys & Girls Club of Burlington and Club member families should coordinate decision making around the child's care with the family health care provider around specific health concerns, chronic disease or specific social or emotional situations.
- Children and staff will not be allowed to attend camp if any of the following are true. If any of these begin while at camp, the child or staff member will be sent home as soon as possible:
 - They are sick for any reason
 - They have tested positive for COVID-19, subject to isolation guidelines
 - They are showing symptoms consistent with COVID-19. The CDC is constantly evolving the list of possible symptoms. Such symptoms currently may include: high temperature, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, chills, fatigue, muscle pains, headache, sore throat, new loss of taste or smell, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting and/or diarrhea.
 - They have been in close contact with someone with COVID-19 within the last 14 days.
 - They have a temperature of more than 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit. They may return when they have no fever (defined as less than 100.4 degree Fahrenheit) for more than 72 hours without fever reducing medicine.
 - They have a significant rash
 - They have severe ear pain
 - They have an uncontrolled cough
 - They have a severe headache
 - They have a severe sore throat lasting more than 48 hours
- Healthy children and staff with the following symptoms/conditions *may* attend programming:
 - Allergy symptoms, with no fever, that cause coughing and clear runny nose, if allergies have been medically diagnosed and medical treatment plans are being followed
 - Well controlled, mild asthma
- Unwell children and staff will be kept separate from their pod, with their safety, supervision and over all wellbeing protected as much as reasonably possible. There is a designated space in the Club for a child who is feeling unwell.
- Space or equipment used by children or staff who have been sent home will be cleaned and disinfected as soon as reasonably possible.

COVID-19 testing and results

- We will be guided by the Vermont Department of Health in making decisions in the event of a positive COVID-19 test or any other health issue of a Club child or staff member. The following reflects current guidance.
- Definitions of language used by the Vermont Department of Health are evolving and as of this writing can be found online, as follows:
 - Close contact: <https://www.healthvermont.gov/response/coronavirus-covid-19/about-coronavirus-disease-covid-19>
 - Isolate, quarantine, self-observation: https://www.healthvermont.gov/sites/default/files/documents/pdf/COVID-19-chart-observation-isolation-quarantine_final.pdf
- If a child or staff member has symptoms of COVID-19 and **is being tested** for COVID-19, they and anyone considered a close contact should quarantine (see definitions above) for 48 hours or until test results are returned.
- If a child or staff member **is tested for COVID-19 and results are:**
 - Positive: They should isolate (see definition above).
 - Negative: They should complete self-observation (see definition above).
- If a child or staff member has been in **close contact with anyone who has tested positive** for COVID-19, they should quarantine (see definition above).
- If COVID-19 is confirmed in a child or staff member, we will:
 - Close off the area(s) used by the person and open any windows and doors in that area.
 - Clean and disinfect the spaces or equipment used by the person after 24 hours (in accordance with state guidance).
 - Contact the Vermont Department of Health (802-863-7240) for guidance on extended closure of the facility or part of the facility.
 - If more than seven days have passed since a person who has tested positive was in the facility, we will continue with routine cleaning and disinfecting, but will not close the space.
 - General information will be communicated to Club families and staff. Confidentiality will be maintained.

Physical Distancing and Club Member Groups

- There will be day to day consistency in individual camp groups (referred to as pods), including: camp counselor(s), children in the group and room (referred to as the homeroom).
- Children will be kept in pods of 25 or fewer people in a single space. Pod sizes may vary from day to day, but will typically be a maximum of 11 people.
- Pods will not combine for group activities.
- Communal spaces will not be used. For example, each pod will eat lunch in their home room.
- Activities will be planned so as to maintain social distancing between children to the greatest extent reasonably possible.

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- Non-emergency transportation will be provided only when physical distancing can be accomplished in transit. In addition, the vehicle will be cleaned and disinfected before and after each trip.
- Only one group of children will pass through the hallway at a time.
- Time spent outside will be encouraged as much as possible.
- There will be no outside visitors or volunteers during hours of programming, except for employees or contracted service providers for the purpose of special education or required support services. Please note that Kids on the Ball (tennis program) will be working exclusively with the Boys & Girls Club of Burlington this summer and will be working under Club guidelines.

Use of Space

- Each pod of children will be assigned a home room, where they will spend a significant amount of their time. There will be space in this room where they can store their belongings. We will do our best to supply each homeroom with supplies and equipment (technology, television etc.) necessary to transform it into a fun, self-contained space.
- As mentioned above, indoor communal spaces will not be used.
- Only one person will be allowed in a bathroom at any given point in time.
- There will be a room designated for as a “medical room”, to be used by a child who is feeling sick.
- Per guidance from the state of Vermont and the CDC, our swimming pool will be open. There will be a maximum group size of 10 people in the water and pool water will be properly treated with appropriate chemicals. Neither children nor staff will be wearing facial coverings while in the water.



Assumption of the Risk and Waiver of Liability Relating to Coronavirus/COVID-19

The novel coronavirus, COVID-19, has been declared a pandemic by the World Health Organization. COVID-19 is extremely contagious and has significant person-to-person spread. As a result, federal, state, and local governments and federal and state health agencies recommend social distancing measures and, in Vermont, prohibit the congregation of groups of people of various sizes.

Boys & Girls Clubs of Burlington ("Club") has put in place preventative measures to reduce the spread of COVID-19. These include, but are not limited to: health screenings, hand hygiene, facial coverings, social distancing and cleaning/disinfecting. However, the Club cannot guarantee that you or your child(ren) will not become infected with COVID-19. Further, attending the Club could increase your risk and your child(ren)'s risk of contracting COVID-19.

By signing this agreement, I agree to comply with the requirements and expectations of set forth in this document: *Addendum to "Summer Camp Program – Family and Member Handbook"*. I acknowledge the contagious nature of COVID-19 and voluntarily assume the risk that my child(ren) and I may be exposed to or infected by COVID-19 by attending the Club and that such exposure or infection may result in personal injury, illness, permanent disability, and death. I understand that the risk of exposure and/or infection by COVID-19 at the Club may result from the actions, omissions, or negligence of myself and others, including, but not limited to, Club employees, volunteers, and program participants and their families.

ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND WAIVER OF LAWSUIT/LIABILITY: I voluntarily agree to assume all of the foregoing risks and accept sole responsibility for any injury to my child(ren) or myself (including, but not limited to, personal injury, disability, and death), illness, damage, loss, claim, liability, or expense, arising out of exposure to COVID-19, that I or my child(ren) may experience or incur in connection with my child(ren)'s attendance at the Club or participation in Club programming ("Claims"). On my behalf, and on behalf of my children, I hereby release, covenant not to sue, discharge, and hold harmless the Club, its employees, agents, and representatives, of and from the Claims, including all liabilities, claims, actions, damages, costs or expenses of any kind arising out of or relating thereto. I understand and agree that this release includes any Claims based on the actions, omissions, or negligence of the Club, its employees, agents, and representatives, whether a COVID-19 infection occurs before, during, or after participation in any Club program.

I HAVE CAREFULLY READ AND FULLY UNDERSTAND ALL PROVISIONS OF THIS RELEASE, AND FREELY AND KNOWINGLY ASSUME THE RISK AND WAIVE MY RIGHTS CONCERNING LIABILITY AS DESCRIBED ABOVE.

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date

Name of Parent/Guardian

Name of Club Participant(s)

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