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## Greater Valley YMCA-Allentown Branch Warming Station Guidelines

### Overview

- Season runs November 1<sup>st</sup> to April 30<sup>th</sup>
- **Hours of Operation:** 7pm to 7am  
Prior to 7pm, guests wait across the street at Cherry Hill Park
- **Entrance:** Behind main building in middle doors
- **Registration:** 7pm to 9pm  
(Only employed guests with written proof of employment may enter station later)
- Lights out at 10:30pm
- Lights on at 5:45am each morning

### Requirements for New Guests

- 2021-2022 Season Intake Form
- Code of Conduct Form
- No open criminal warrants or sexual offender status on found on background check through Meghan's Law, Magistrate and Appellate Court
- Profile Picture

### COVID Requirements

- Mask required with exception to eating and sleeping

### Upon Entry

1. Inspected with security metal detector
2. Assigned a bed (first come, first serve)
3. Provided with linens and a blanket
4. Given a luggage tag for belongings
  - a. Belongings will be locked in a secure luggage area overnight and can only be retrieved when leaving the Warming Station for the night
  - b. Items needed during the stay, such as foods, medications, shower items, change of clothes, phones, chargers, or cigarettes (maximum 2), are to be separated from the rest of the belongings before bags are stored away.
5. If guest has any medications, it will be stored in the office in labeled bags overnight and deployed when requested by guest.
6. If guest needs phone charged, they must hand it in to staff with their personal charger. He or she will receive a phone tag to collect phone & charger in the morning.
7. Can request a particular wake-up call if guest wish to wake up earlier than the general wake up time of 5:45am.

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### Provisions

- **Showers:** Scheduled in 10-minute blocks of time based on gender
- **Laundry:** Allowed one time per week in small loads as able
- **Smoke Break.** One 15-min supervised smoke break is allowed nightly between 9pm and 10pm at Cherry Hill Park. Guests may not have their own lighters on their person. Staff will provide lighters for smoke breaks
- **Bathroom Use.** The Warming Station has a dedicated bathroom for guests, located in the community room. Guests will communicate to available staff member for use of the bathroom. Bathroom use is limited to 5-minutes
- **Food Service.** Available Monday to Friday.
  - Monday                      Domino's Pizza
  - Tuesday – Friday        Meals prepared by the YMCA
  - Saturday & Sunday      Snacks & Microwaveable meals
- **Coffee.** Available in the morning as guests collect belongings one at a time before departure

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