



# Child Care/Camp Reopening

## Greater Valley YMCA FAQ's as of 5/29/20

- Q- When are you reopening?
  - A- Anticipated opening date for child care and camp June 8, 2020, which may change based upon direction of the governor. We will only open on those dates if our county has been moved into the yellow phase and we have the staff and supplies to provide programming safely.
  
- Q- Have the times of the program changed?
  - A- Our program will be open at its regular hours as care is needed. As families return we will be asking for arrival and departure times to staff accordingly. If none of the families need care until 7:30 AM we will not be opening the program at 6 AM.
  
- Q- Have you changed how you are feeding the children?
  - A- No
  
- Q- Have the fees for the program changed?
  - A- No change to child care or camp fees. You will be charged based upon the current agreement.
  
- Q- What are the group sizes the children will be in?
  - A- Group sizes will not exceed 25 as per the CDC recommendation in the yellow phase of reopening. Ratios for infants and toddlers will remain the same; preschool and school age children will maintain 1 teacher to 9 student ratio when we first reopen. These ratios will be re-evaluated every 2 weeks and any changes to ratios will be posted at sign/in out areas the Friday before the change is to take place.
  
- Q- Will my child be with their same teachers they had before?
  - A- We are going to do our best to put children, staff and classmates together as they were before however not all children and staff are returning at the same time, so it is possible that classrooms and enrollment will not look exactly the same.
  
- Q- What activities will be done during camp?
  - A- Specific activities will be addressed by the staff member responsible for planning camp. All details are still TBD for daily activities and field trips. There will be no swimming during summer camp at YMCA locations.
  
- Q- Will children's spots in classrooms or camp be held until they return?
  - A- Unfortunately spots are unable to be held for families that are not attending our program once we reopen.

- Q- What is your policy on masks?
  - A- Masks are to be worn by all people entering the building ages 2 and older that includes adults and siblings at pick up and drop off. Families are asked to supply their own masks or face covering, any kind of covering will be acceptable. Anyone over the age of 2 years of age will not be permitted in the building without masks. Although masks are required children will not be forced to wear masks. Masks will not be worn during times of eating, sleeping, or vigorous activities. This policy will be in place as long as the governor requires masks to be worn.
  
- Q- What other COVID-19 policies are in place?
  - A- **Temperature Checks**- the temperature will be taken of everyone that comes in the building. We will also be adding a mid-day temperature check for all children and staff daily. If there is a temperature of 100.0 or higher we will not allow entry for the individual or anyone in the household or same vehicle; families with temperature 100.0 or higher will be denied access until 24 hours fever free with no medication.
  - A- **Pick up/drop off procedures**- outside if possible and weather permitting. Working on a contactless option that will need to be approved by our licensing agent.
  
- Q- How are you going to handle a child that becomes sick while in care (not COVID-19 related)?
  - A- The child will be isolated from the rest of the children, family will be contacted and the child will be removed from care until they are 24 hours free of symptoms without medication. The materials and area the child was playing with will be sanitized before being used by any other staff or children.
  
- Q- How are you going to handle a suspected case of COVID-19?
  - A- The child and/or household member will be isolated from the rest of the children if they are in the building, family will be contacted and the child will be removed from care until they are 24 hours free of symptoms, without medication. The materials and area the child was playing with will be sanitized before being used by any other staff or children. An administrative staff member will contact the local board of health for the most current policies and next steps.
  
- Q- How are you going to handle a confirmed case of COVID-19 or if someone is being tested?
  - A- The child and/or household member will be isolated from the rest of the children if they are in the building, family will be contacted and the child will be removed from care until they are 24 hours free of symptoms without medication. The materials and area the child was playing with will be sanitized before being used by any other staff or children. An administrative staff member will contact the local board of health for the most current policies and next steps. Families will be notified via email of the confirmed case, location within the building and a sign will be posted at check in/out.
  
- Q-How are we social distancing the children?
  - A- We will do our best to keep children 6 feet apart as recommended by the CDC however, as you are all caregivers of children, please recognize that this may not always be possible. We are currently devising plans to separate children during nap times more than the 2 feet required by licensing, creating individual bins for children with toys and art materials to minimize sharing, and removing activities from our lesson plans that require contact.
  
- Q- Will we separate children whose family members work in the health care field?
  - A- May not be manageable with age groups and ratios so it will not be a policy.

- Q- Is there a change to how subsidized child care will be handled?
  - A- The Greater Valley YMCA's policy on child care subsidy remains the same. Families are encouraged to reach out to their case manager for any changes from the state.
  
- Q- Are you still offering Financial Assistance?
  - A- For currently enrolled and approved families there will be no change until you have your 6 month renewal. For camp we will be having individual conversations with each family applying to determine how much Financial Assistance can be given and for how many weeks of camp.

Please be aware that we are actively developing policies and procedures to keep you, your family, and our staff safe. As we update this FAQ it will be updated on our website accordingly. Specific questions and concerns should be emailed to your child care director. Thank you for your patience and support.