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## **COVID-19 PREVENTION POLICIES**

### **VT 2021 CAMP**

Berkshire Family YMCA complies with all state or local health and safety standards, requirements, or orders in response to COVID-19. Our operations are updated to reflect any newly released guidance. Find a brief summary of our policy here. The complete policy per state and local guidance is maintained in the camp or summer program office.

All questions should be directed to BFYMCA Bennington Recreation Center Branch Director, Kayla Becker, via email or phone: [kbecker@bfymca.org](mailto:kbecker@bfymca.org) or 802-442-1053.

#### **STAFFING & OPERATIONS**

- Visitors are permitted as long as all COVID-19 guidelines are followed.
- Designated senior staff person responsible for responding to COVID-19 concerns.
- Maintain three emergency contacts with BFYMCA.
- Parents should provide an email address and home, work, and cell phone numbers so that staff can reach them at any time.
- Staff will provide campers and summer program participants with an orientation at the start of the program to review COVID protocols, encourage and educate on reporting of symptoms and not coming to camp if sick, and how to request a replacement mask if needed.
- Based on Vermont's experience to date, all children may mix classes/pods/cohorts. Social distancing must be maintained within each cohort. Careful attendance records must be kept daily.
- Physical distancing guidance should follow the Vermont Forward plan.

#### **HYGIENE AND HANDWASHING**

- Hand hygiene practices and frequency for both staff and program participants including handwashing when necessary including but not limited to: before and after meals, after bathroom use, after coughing/sneezing, and after contact with bodily fluids or surfaces that may be contaminated.
- BFYMCA will ensure that all staff and children receive education/training on proper hand hygiene.
- Program participants and staff are aware of infection control practices and that personal supplies (e.g., hats, brushes, hair ties, contact solutions, towels and bedding) and drinking containers must never be shared with others.
- Signage will be posted reminding participants and staff of the signs/symptoms of COVID-19 and the importance of social distancing, mask use, and proper hand hygiene.

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## **PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (PPE) AND FACE MASKS/COVERINGS**

- Masks must be worn in accordance with the Vermont Forward plan.
- Masks/face coverings should be provided by the camper/parent. BFYMCA will have a supply on hand in the event a participant needs one.
- Staff must wear appropriate gloves during food preparation and screening activities that require contact.

## **SCREENING AND MONITORING**

- Camp participants should complete a health screening at home prior to coming to camp each day. Children should not come if they have any symptoms of COVID 19, including a fever greater than 100.4.
- Children or staff arriving visibly sick to care should be screened (including a temperature check) and sent home if symptomatic, regardless of vaccination status.
- No individual is allowed to participate in the camp or program until they successfully pass the screening.

## **ISOLATION AND QUARANTINE**

- Symptomatic program participants/staff will be isolated immediately and supervised at all times by dedicated staff member(s). Others may not enter the isolation space without PPE appropriate for the care setting.
- Health Care Supervisor will follow protocol for symptomatic program participants/staff, including supervising sick program participants/staff and accommodating cleaning requirements.

## **CLEANING, DISINFECTING AND SANITIZING**

- Ongoing cleaning, disinfecting, sanitizing practices for surfaces and shared items by using EPA-registered disinfectants and sanitizers for use against COVID-19

## **TRANSPORTATION AND TRAVEL**

- When traveling by bus for field trips, BFYMCA will comply with applicable standards in Department of Health Guidance for Out of School Care.

## **FOOD SERVICE AND SAFETY**

- Social distancing as much as possible during meals.
- Appropriate gloves and PPE during food preparation and serving.
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## **IS YOUR FAMILY TRAVELING THIS SUMMER?**

- Follow the Vermont Forward guidance for testing requirements.

## **LINKS TO CURRENT VERMONT COVID-19 GUIDANCE**

- Vermont Forward Plan: <https://www.vermont.gov/vermont-forward#gsc.tab=0>
- Health Guidance for Out-of-School Care: <https://www.healthvermont.gov/sites/default/files/documents/pdf/2021-child-care-and-summer-guidance.pdf>