



FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT
FOR HEALTHY LIVING
FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

COVID-19 Mitigation Strategies

YMCA of the Treasure Coast has successfully navigated the complex and rapidly evolving childcare environment since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic. We began implementing enhanced cleaning and sanitation procedures on February 28, 2020 and successfully provided emergency childcare at three sites on the Treasure Coast, serving more than 140 birth to age fourteen children per day, from March through August 2020. When public school reopened in August 2020, YMCA continued to provide safe and healthy childcare options, including Remote Learning Camps, Before & Afterschool, and early childhood education programs. All YMCA childcare employees, from senior leadership to frontline staff, recognize the seriousness of the pandemic and take their responsibilities seriously. We are confident in our ability to meet CDC guidelines, providing a safe and healthy childcare environment. To the greatest extent possible, we:

- **Implement social distancing strategies**

- Maintain smaller group sizes.
- Avoid mixing or combining groups, and limit sharing of classrooms/learning spaces.
- Keep teachers and staff consistent with each group.
- Avoid large group activities.
- Increased distance between nap mats (preschool only).
- Limit non-staff access to all childcare areas.

- **Intensify cleaning & disinfection efforts**

- Hourly cleaning and sanitizing schedule are in place.
- Remove unnecessary items from all childcare spaces to minimize contact points, and rotate learning materials to ensure sanitized activities are always available.
- Limit sharing of materials between children.
- Limit items brought from home and ensure personal belongings do not remain overnight.

- **Modified drop-off & pick-up procedures**

- All drop-offs and pick-ups occur outside the childcare spaces.
- Upon arrival, everyone (children and adults) are screened for fever and may be asked a series of health-related questions.

- **Health & safety for staff and children**

- All individuals, aged two years and older, are required to always wear a mask over the nose and mouth, except while eating or sleeping, or when adequate social distance can be maintained in an outside environment.
- Temperature checks are conducted on all staff and children throughout the day; anyone with a fever of **101.4** or higher may not remain in the childcare areas until he or she has been fever-free, without the use of fever-reducing medications, for at least 24 hours (minimum of one full school day).
- Anyone exhibiting signs or symptoms of illness may not remain in the childcare areas. A doctor's note may be required before returning to work or childcare.

- **Bus transportation**

- Bus capacities are limited whenever possible.
- Bus seats, seatbelts and buckles, grab handles and safety bars, and the driver's compartment are cleaned and sanitized between each group of occupants.

- **Swimming pool**

- The Splash Pool is reserved for younger swimmers and/or those that cannot pass the swim test.
- Groups will remain together in their assigned zone and will not mingle.
- All zones will be under the supervision of an Ellis Lifeguard.

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