



Recreation and Parks Youth Programing

We want to welcome you to the City of Akron's Recreation and Parks Youth Programming. We are here to offer families an affordable, safe, and fun experience. The safety of our students and staff members is our highest priority. We will have safety guidelines and procedures in place for all of our community centers that are based on the guidance of the Ohio Department of Health's Responsible Restart Ohio, the Summit County Public Health department, and City of Akron policies.

We will be practicing social distancing and rigorous handwashing. Group sizes have been modified to a maximum of nine children per group, and some activities may be modified to safely serve all of our youth. Classes will be held on-site at City of Akron community centers. For the safety of our program participants and staff, our community center will not be opened to the general public. Only recreation or pre-approved programming by the City of Akron will be allowed in the building.

Children should limit the use of personal items from home during a program/class. If personal items are necessary, they should be stored in a backpack or drawstring bag and stored in an assigned storage bin that will be used only by one child per class/program and will be disinfected prior to the start of the next class/program.

Safety measures from Responsible ReStart Ohio that will be implemented for all of youth programs:

DROP OFF AND PICK UP

Curbside drop off and pickup will be implemented to limit direct contact between parents/guardians and staff members and adhere to social distancing recommendations:

- Interaction with parents/guardians/caretakers shall be limited at drop off and pickup.
- The individuals dropping off and picking up children should wear cloth face coverings unless it is unsafe for them to do so.
- The same individual should drop off and pick up the child(ren) from the program.
- Staggered arrival and pickup times.
- Limited the number of employees who operate drop off and pick up. A recreation staff provider shall escort all children to and from their group.
- Employees must perform daily symptom assessment. We will not admit children, parents/guardians, staff, and others who have a fever or signs of illness (including fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, and/or diarrhea). Parents/guardians must be on the alert for signs of illness in your child and to keep them home when they are sick.
- **Children and staff shall have their temperature taken upon arrival. Any individual that has a fever of 100 degrees or higher shall not enter our facility.**
- **Parents must keep sick children home until 24 hours after they no longer have a fever (100 degrees Fahrenheit or 37.8 degrees Celsius measured by mouth) or signs of fever (chills,**

feeling very warm, flushed appearance, or sweating) without the use of fever reducing medicine. Children who have had contact with someone confirmed or probable to have COVID-19 must complete isolation or quarantine procedures in coordination with the local health department prior to returning to the program.

- Children must wash their hands upon arrival. Employees shall assist the children as necessary.
- Children must wash their hands prior to departure. Employees shall assist the children as necessary.
- Parents and visitors will have limited access to the community center. The community centers will remain closed to the general public and will only be open for approved programming.

STAFF REQUIREMENTS

- Employees must wear a cloth face covering unless it is unsafe for them to do so.
- Employees must stay home if symptomatic (*i.e.*, cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, fever, chills, repeated shaking with chills, muscle pain, headaches, sore throat, and new loss of taste or smell).
- If there is a weather emergency, move children and staff to a safe location while maintaining social distancing. If it is not possible to practice social distancing, facial coverings should be used.

CLEANING AND SANITIZING

Staff will:

- Receive training on handwashing procedures, cleaning high-touch surfaces, and cough etiquette.
- Clean all surfaces multiple times daily. Communal spaces should be sanitized between each group of children. If anyone tests positive for COVID-19, the room will be shut down for deep sanitation.
- Toys should be sanitized after each use and toys that cannot be sanitized must be removed.
- Wear gloves while serving food.
- Follow rigorous handwashing procedures including upon arrival for the day, after breaks, upon returning from outside, before and after eating, serving or preparing food, and prior to departure; after contact with bodily fluids or cleaning up spills or objects contaminated with bodily fluids; after cleaning or sanitizing or using any chemical products; before and after completing a medical procedure or administering medication; and when visibly soiled.

Children must follow rigorous handwashing procedures including upon arrival for the day, upon returning from outside, before eating, and prior to departure.

Community center spaces will be cleaned and sanitized by staff and custodial crews daily.

What steps will be followed if someone gets sick while attending our program?

- The child will be immediately isolated and staff will seek medical care for the child if required.
- Any child or employee who has a temperature of 100 degrees or higher will be sent home. The individual shall not return until they are fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medication. If the individual has had close contact with someone confirmed or probable to have COVID-19, he or she must complete isolation or quarantine procedures in coordination with SCPH prior to returning to class or program.
- The parent or guardian of the child will be notified immediately to pick up the child and will be encouraged to contact their medical provider.
- Parents must follow the proper guidelines for keeping sick children at home until they meet the requirements for the child to return.

What steps will be followed if someone tests positive in one of our programs or sites for COVID-19?

A letter will be sent to every family at the site with information that there has been a confirmed infection along with established guidelines for self-quarantine. The site will be closed down for deep sanitation and may need to be closed for a longer period of time. We will work with the proper health authorities for contact tracing and any notifications.