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## **COVID-19 Procedures Summer-2023 NOTE:**

The policies and advice provided herein are intended to layer atop of the information provided in the Program Policies and Procedures Manual and the Licensed Child Care Parent Handbook so that we may provide additional safety for members during the summer 2022. Whenever advice here conflicts with traditional policies, the information found in this supplemental guide will take precedent.

### **GENERAL PRECAUTIONS**

#### **Symptoms Consistent with COVID-19**

- Fever (100.0° Fahrenheit or higher), chills, or shaking chills
- Cough (not due to other known cause, such as chronic cough)
- Difficulty breathing or shortness of breath
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Headache when in combination with other symptoms
- Muscle aches or body aches
- Nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea
- Fatigue, when in combination with other symptoms
- Nasal congestion or runny nose (not due to other known causes, such as allergies) when in combination with other symptoms

#### **Screening of Staff and Members**

- All staff and members have been told to stay away from the facility for 5 days if they have tested positive for COVID-19. Staff members who test negative with fully resolved symptoms (for at least 24 hours) after 5 days will be allowed to return. Staff members who test positive after day 5 whose symptoms have resolved can return with a mask. Staff members who test positive after 5 days and have symptoms may not return until after day 7.
- Members will be observed for symptoms of Covid-19 during the attendance check in.
- Staff and members and campers will be monitored throughout the day for the onset of symptoms.

#### **Isolation and Discharge of Sick Member or Staff**

If a staff member shows symptoms for COVID-19, then

- Cease childcare duties immediately and isolate them from other children and staff. Have the staff member take an on-site test for covid-19. If results are negative, continue to monitor.

- If the test is positive, gather close-by personal belongings, and depart the facility. In the event of a positive test the staff member will begin to quarantine based on the schedule described above.

### **If a Member shows symptoms for COVID- 19, then**

- Staff shall immediately isolate the member and their belongings from other children and staff and proceed to the isolation area. If additional isolation space is needed, the individual offices present near the games room areas are to be used for that activity.
- Notify the Camp Director.
- Staff will contact parents and ask for verbal permission to administer an on-site covid test. If permission is granted, the staff member will provide instructions to the child about how to take the test and monitor the testing steps and results (campers ages 5 to 7 may be assisted by the Camp Director or Group Leader). If permission is denied, then the child must be picked up from camp immediately.
- The staff member who was caring for the child at onset of a symptom will put on a mask and gloves and will remain with the child while wearing PPE. They will communicate with them in an ongoing manner, while maintaining social distance. For their safety, they will minimize time in the same room with the child. After making the child comfortable, they will maintain themselves in a publicly viewable area (doorway of first aid room or observation window of an office). Whenever possible, a back-up staff person will be called to the area to observe from afar and to support as needed.
- If positive test results are received, then the child must be picked up as soon as possible. Children who receive a positive test either on-site or at home will follow the following schedule to return. Members who test negative with resolved symptoms (for at least 24 hours) after 5 days will be allowed to return. Members who test positive after day 5 whose symptoms have fully resolved can return with a mask. Members who test positive after 5 days and have symptoms may not return until after day 7.
- If multiple positive test results are received simultaneously for either campers or staff, then the Newton Health Department will be notified.

### **Secondary Exposures**

Campers who are asymptomatic who have been exposed to a close contact are not required to quarantine regardless of where the exposure occurred and can attend (while wearing a mask) as long as they remain asymptomatic. After 10 days, they may attend without wearing a mask. They are to be tested at home periodically to ensure their negative status has been maintained.

### **Hand Washing**

Members and staff will be educated on the importance of handwashing in infection control. Handwashing instructions will be placed near every handwashing sink where they can easily be seen by children and staff. The Club will maintain adequate supplies to support these activities. Hand sanitizer will be used when sinks are not available