

COVID-19 Mitigation Strategies and Summer Programming Participant Expectations

Albany Area Schools

Strategies Implemented to Mitigate the Risk of COVID-19 Exposure

- Group Sizes:
 - Child Care/Youth Enrichment: May not exceed 15 people per program space for indoor or outdoor activities. Group sizes include staff, coaches, participants and volunteers.
 - Youth Sports: May not exceed 25 people per program space for indoor or outdoor activities. Group sizes include staff, coaches, participants and volunteers.
- Mixing of groups will be limited. (All Programs) Students will be assigned a weekly room to limit mixing of groups. (Child Care)
- Social distancing of at least 6 feet will be implemented whenever possible.
- Meals will be served in program space. (Child Care)
- Enhanced cleaning and disinfecting will remain a priority, including bathrooms and other high-touched surfaces, toys and community supplies.
- All staff and participants are required to wear cloth face coverings while on campus. Face coverings may be temporarily removed when participating in a physical activity where the level of exertion makes wearing a face covering difficult, when eating or drinking, when outdoors, when in the pool, or when working alone in a space where there is no person-to-person interaction. When face coverings are removed, social distancing of at least six feet must be maintained as much as possible.
- Drop off and pick up of students will occur outside to minimize the number of people entering the buildings.
- Health screenings will be conducted on all students prior to entering the building. Students being dropped off by a parent must stay in the vehicle until a staff member approaches the vehicle to complete the health screening. Students driving themselves or carpooling with other students to programs may park and then approach the screening station while maintaining a minimum of six feet of social distancing. (All Programs) Temperature checks will also be conducted mid-day. (Child Care) All staff are required to complete a health self-assessment at home prior to coming into work.
- Programming times may be limited and start times may be staggered. (All Programs) Programming will close at 5:30 pm. (Child Care)
- Everyday preventive actions, including hand washing, covering coughs and sneezes, and requiring sick students and staff to stay home when sick, will be heavily emphasized.

Note: Strategies may change if the level of community transmission increases to the point where programming must be disrupted.

Expectations for Participating in Summer Programming

For the safety of all participants and staff, you may **NOT** attend programming if you are symptomatic. Symptoms include new onset cough, shortness of breath, fever of 100.4 degrees or higher, chills, muscle pain, sore throat, loss of sense of smell or taste, gastrointestinal symptoms of diarrhea, vomiting, or nausea, or having direct household contact with a person who tested positive for COVID-19 or who is experiencing COVID-19 symptoms. Participants must also follow all public health guidance, including thorough hand washing before and after participating in programs and covering coughs and sneezes. *See the COVID-19 Exclusion Guidance Decision Tree below.*

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Decision Tree for People with COVID-19 Symptoms in Youth, Student, and Child Care Programs

For people (e.g., children, care providers, or staff) who have symptoms consistent with COVID-19, send home or deny entry and reference the exclusion criteria in this document to determine when they may return.

Symptoms of COVID-19 include: new onset cough or shortness of breath by themselves **OR** at least 2 of the following: fever (100.4°F or higher), chills, muscle pain, sore throat, fatigue, congestion, loss of sense of smell or taste, or gastrointestinal symptoms of diarrhea, vomiting, or nausea.

If a person has a new symptom (for example, new loss of smell only) with no other diagnosis to explain it, they should stay home and talk to their health care provider about testing for COVID-19, even if it is the only symptom they are experiencing.

For people who received a laboratory test for COVID-19

What to do if you're waiting for COVID-19 test results (PDF)
(www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/waiting.pdf)

Positive test result: Stay home at least 10 days since symptoms first appeared **AND** until no fever for at least 24 hours without medication **AND** improvement of other symptoms.

Siblings and household members also stay home for 14 days.

Negative test result but symptoms with no other diagnosis: Stay home at least 10 days since symptoms first appeared **AND** until no fever for at least 24 hours without medication **AND** improvement of other symptoms.

Siblings and household members also stay home for 14 days.

For people with a COVID-19 diagnosis without a lab test **OR people with symptoms consistent with COVID-19 without a medical evaluation (e.g., monitoring symptoms at home)**

Stay home at least 10 days since symptoms first appeared **AND** until no fever for at least 24 hours without medication **AND** improvement of other symptoms.

Siblings and household members also stay home for 14 days.



For people with other diagnoses (e.g., norovirus, strep throat) that explain the symptoms, or when a health care provider says symptoms are connected to a pre-existing condition

Stay home until symptoms have improved. Follow specific return guidance from the health care provider or follow the [Infectious Diseases in Childcare Settings and Schools Manual](http://www.hennepin.us/daycaremanual) (www.hennepin.us/daycaremanual).

If symptoms related to a pre-existing condition change or worsen, talk to a health care provider to determine next steps.

Siblings and household members **do not** need to stay home.



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Albany Area Schools programs facility are being operated in compliance with state and federal guidelines during this global pandemic. Participant compliance with programming expectations for health and safety must be followed. All programs will take an abundance of care for all participants but acknowledge a potential risk for health and safety due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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