

## YWCA Lower Cape Fear | School-Age Guidance Policy

There has been a lot of discussion surrounding school opening in the fall. As school districts in the Lower Cape Fear announce their plans, YWCA has created guidelines to put the health and safety of staff, children, and members at the forefront.

The plans coming from each county are each unique and non-specific. We hope that these guidelines will bring consistency and peace of mind to families. With these guidelines we have two main goals:

1. Protecting the safety of kids, staff, and the broader community
2. Providing quality and affordable child care to families

The question then is: What's it going to take to do that? Before we go into the details we need to reiterate that the health and safety of our staff, children, and members are our top priority. These guidelines will only be effective with the commitment, flexibility, and realism from our YWCA community. Here is our plan:

- Children **must** be enrolled in YWCA's after school program in order to attend on their two week virtual break.
  - **No drop ins will be allowed**, especially during the two week break. This is to limit exposure and interaction.
- Children cannot attend full time if their parents have chosen to completely home school.
  - Again, this limits exposure and the possible spread.
- Children must attend one of the following schools:
  - Alderman
  - Anderson
  - Bellamy
  - Carolina Beach
  - Freeman
  - Holly Tree
  - Howe Pre-K
  - M.C. Williams
  - Murray Middle (6th grade/12 year olds only)
  - Parsley
  - PineValley
  - Roland Grise (6th grade/12 year olds only)
  - Sunset
  - Winter Park
- Current YWCA students **must reserve a spot** in the after school program by **August 3, 2020**, and pay the registration fee (\$30).
- Students who will not be attending must give a two weeks notice. Withdrawal forms are in the YWCA's lobby.
- Fees are as follows:
  - \$90 per week for after school

- \$130 per week for full time (virtual learning weeks)
- **Families must provide the student's schedule so that we may bill properly.**
- Families will still be charged even if their child does not attend the YWCA during the virtual learning weeks.

As the school districts release information on virtual learning we will update our policy to ensure that students are able to continue their education. Please be patient as we work on those details. Keep in mind that the YWCA is a state licensed child care facility and is held to different standards, policy, and guidelines than a school.

We as a community must be flexible as new information arises. At this time kids are at low risk for contracting and/or getting very sick from COVID-19. This is not true of staff. YWCA is committed to protecting our staff and keeping a safe environment.

As a reminder, students may **not attend** the after school program if they have a fever of 100.4 degrees or higher, and will need to receive a negative COVID-19 test before coming back to school. Families **must keep the YWCA informed** of any contact with a person with COVID-19, changes in health (coughing, sneezing, diarrhea, fever, etc.). If your **child is sick keep them home**. Lastly, please encourage and **promote healthy handwashing hygiene** at home to reinforce what we're teaching at the YWCA.

Thank you for being a valued member of the YWCA Lower Cape Fear! We appreciate you and look forward to working together to ensure a safe and healthy environment for staff, children, and members.

Sincerely,

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