



YMCA Child Development Programs

YMCA Preschool
YMCA School Aged Care

Return to School Plan

1.0 INTRODUCTION & PURPOSE

Like many other educational institutions in our community, we have spent a great deal of time this summer following state and local guidelines closely as well as researching, drafting and modifying plans to safely bring our students back to our preschool and school aged programs this fall. At the same time, we have never stopped providing care for youth in our community through our Emergency Child Care programs that have operated throughout the pandemic. In partnership with state and local officials we have effectively provided high quality, safe and engaging programming to youth ages 3-12 in our community. While some things have changed since March, we are confident that we can continue to safely apply a cohort model in our preschool and school aged programs that would allow students to return to in-person learning. We also believe whole-heartedly in the American Academy of Pediatrics recommendation that students should start the upcoming school year present in the classroom.

Therefore, the primary goals of this plan are to:

- Outline our plan for a safe return to in-person learning for preschool and continued programming to support school aged students in partnership with the school district’s plan for remote learning.
- Provide clear expectations and protocols for our students, staff and limited guests.
- Implement controls and enforcement for screening, masks, social distancing and cleanliness of our people and facilities.
- Prevent or minimize the spread of COVID-19 within our student and staff populations.

This plan does not supersede the authority of the State of Colorado, the Office of the Governor, or federal, state or local health authorities. We believe this plan follows the guidelines outlined by the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, the Colorado Department of Education and the Pueblo Department of Public Health and Environment.

2.0 COVID-19 CONTACT PERSONNEL FOR YMCA CHILD DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

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3.0 OVERVIEW OF YMCA CHILD DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

Our preschool program offers a 2-Day, 3-Day and 4-Day Option. 2-Day serves 3 year olds on Tuesday and Thursday morning from 8:45-11:30 am. 3-Day serves 4 and 5 year olds on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 8:45-11:30 am. 4-Day serves 4 and 5 year olds Monday-Thursday from 12:15-3:00 pm. Each program has no more than 23 students and 2 teachers in a classroom. We do not offer bus transportation for this program.

Our school-aged program typically runs from school dismissal to 6:30 pm Monday-Thursday at various school sites throughout both District 60 and 70 with one site at the YMCA of Pueblo. We also offer full day care on Fridays from 7:00 am to 6:30 pm at the YMCA of Pueblo. In an effort to support both School District 60 and School District 70's plans for the 2020-2021 school year we will be modifying our programming. Care will be offered for District 70 families Monday-Thursday from 7am to 6pm at the YMCA of Pueblo. We have the ability to serve 23 school aged students and two teachers in three different classrooms. We will not offer bus transportation for this modified program. Care for District 60 families will be offered Monday-Thursday from school dismissal to 6pm at the YMCA. The program will have no more than 23 students and 2 teachers in a classroom.

4.0 DAILY OPERATIONS USING A COHORT MODEL WITH RISK MITIGATION

Within our plan, students will be kept in a classroom cohort of 23 students and two teachers to minimize contact with other students not in their cohort group.

1. Daily arrival
 - a. Staff arrival begins at 6:45 AM for school aged programs and 8:30 AM for preschool. All staff members are required to wear masks and must first check in with the manager on duty for a temperature check. If a staff member presents COVID-19 symptoms, they will be relocated to an isolation room until they can be re-screened and/or safely leave the building. In this case, and with a confirmed case of COVID-19, the Director of Support Services will coordinate with Pueblo Department of Public Health and Environment and YMCA Leadership to determine the correct course of action.
 - b. Between 7:00 and 9:00 AM (for school-aged programs), 8:45 AM (for AM preschool), and 12:15 PM (for PM preschool) parents will drop off their students in our Child Development Lobby. Staff will take each student's temperature before allowing them access to the classrooms. Parents are required to wear masks and will not be allowed past the lobby.

- i. Students with a temperature below 100.4 will be allowed into the classrooms.
- ii. If a student presents a temperature of 100.4 or over and/or COVID-19 symptoms, they will be relocated to an isolation room until they can be re-screened and/or safely leave the building. In this case, and with a confirmed case of COVID-19, the Child Development Director will coordinate with Pueblo Department of Public Health and Environment and YMCA Leadership to determine the correct course of action.

2. Mask requirements

- a. Following the guidelines presented in Executive Order D 2020 138, all VBE staff members will be required to wear a mask at all times during the day.
- b. Parents are required to wear a mask during pick up and drop off times.
- c. Students who are 10 years of age and younger will not be required to wear masks.
 - i. The Y respects the rights of parents to decide if they want their children 10 years of age and younger to wear a mask throughout the day and will allow masks to be worn by those students when requested by the student's parent.

3. Social Distancing Expectations within Classrooms

- a. Classrooms will have as much distance between students as possible.
- b. We know that we cannot accommodate 23 students in one classroom while keeping students six feet apart. However, we will work to extend student workspace when possible, allowing for more space between students in the classroom.
- c. Pending weather, outdoor activities will be encouraged.

4. Bathroom Procedures

- a. Each classroom has two individual bathrooms.

5. Dismissal

- a. End of day dismissal for morning preschool is at 11:30 AM, 3:00 PM for afternoon preschool and no later than 6:00 PM for school aged programming. Teachers and students will remain in their classrooms for dismissal.
- b. Teachers will be notified via walkie talkie that a parent or guardian is present for pick up. Teachers will walk the student to the front lobby.
- c. Masks are required to be worn by all parents and staff during dismissal.

5.0 CLEANING PRECAUTIONS

Hand washing will be encouraged as much as possible throughout the day. When not possible, hand sanitizer will be readily available for student and staff use throughout the day. This includes but is not limited to: entering/exiting classrooms, before/after eating, before/after recess, after handling shared objects and after coughing/sneezing/blowing nose.

The YMCA is dedicated to providing a clean, safe, and well-maintained environment. Our cleaning practices focus on cleaning health sensitive areas, where bacteria or viruses are most likely to be transmitted. The greatest health sensitive areas are disinfected as often as possible throughout the day.

These areas include, but not limited to:

- Restrooms
- Desktops
- Tabletops
- Countertops
- Doors and Door Knobs
- Light Switches
- Outdoor Classroom and Lunch Space Tables
- Other high touch areas throughout buildings

We will utilize spray bottles filled with Envirox H2Orange to clean these areas throughout the day.

6.0 PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

We will have the following PPE on hand to protect our students and staff:

- Sanitizer and sanitizer dispensers in each classroom to use as needed throughout the day
- One spray bottle with Envirox solution per classroom to clean common spaces as needed
- Gloves for cleaning/disinfecting/sanitizing
- Disposable masks available for staff who forgot or misplaced their mask

7.0 COVID-19 EXPOSURE GUIDANCE

The YMCA will work directly with the Pueblo Department of Public Health and Environment for specific, timely direction on how to handle COVID-19 exposure by students or staff within our school community.