

Dear Parent,

As the global outbreak of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) continues to evolve and the number of cases in our area increase, we are closely monitoring the situation. The health and safety of children and families served by the YMCA and our local community remains our greatest priority.

In addition to our own planning for our Early Learning Centers in Whitley and Wells County, we will follow the guidelines provided by the CDC and Health Departments.

AT THE CURRENT TIME OUR INTENTION IS TO KEEP OUR EARLY LEARNING CENTERS OPEN.

AS YOU ARE AWARE THERE IS A VERY REAL POSSIBILITY THAT WE MAY NEED TO CLOSE AS A PRECAUTION OR DUE TO A CONFIRMED CASE OF CORONAVIRUS. WE WILL INFORM YOU AS SOON AS WE CAN IN THIS EVENT, BUT WE WANT YOU TO BE AS PREPARED AS YOU CAN BE.

PLEASE NOTE: BECAUSE THIS IS AN EVERCHANGING SITUATION, THESE GUIDELINES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.

All changes will be posted on our website at www.fwymca.org/covid-19 as soon as they become available.

Let's Help Keep Everyone Healthy

Our staff have been informed about how to minimize person-to-person transmission and are being even more vigilant in sanitizing frequently touched surfaces such as tabletops, doorknobs and handrails. We have implemented more frequent handwashing breaks for our children and staff and are closely monitoring children for any signs of illness.

Take precautions to keep yourself, your family and your community well

- Keep children home if they show symptoms of illness and/or have a temperature of 101 degrees orally or 100 degrees from the armpit.
- Children must be fever free for 24-hours before returning to the Y Before and After School Care Program.
- Stay home when you are sick and avoid contact with anyone who shows signs of illness.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds and/or use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces.
- Cover sneezes and coughs with a tissue and dispose of the tissue in the proper receptacle.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth.

YMCA facilities and other Y programs are being evaluated and any changes will be communicated separately.

Thank you for your diligence in keeping yourself and our community safe. If you have questions about the procedures above, please contact your child's YMCA Childcare Director. If you have additional questions or concerns about the coronavirus, contact your healthcare provider or visit the CDC website at www.cdc.gov/coronavirus.

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