The Boys & Girls Club of Valdosta will be beginning our Afterschool Summer Program for fall 2020 in September. The following information will give an overview of our policies and procedures regarding exposure to COVID-19. These procedures are based on information within Georgia’s Path to Recovery for K-12 Schools and the recommendations from the Georgia Department of Education (GaDOE) and the Department of Public Health (DPH). This is not intended to be an exhaustive list of scenarios, but will provide an overview of the procedures that we will follow here at the Boys & Girls Club of Valdosta on a daily basis with our afterschool program.

At each of our sites, the health and safety of our children and staff will be our primary focus and priority. Due to the unpredictable nature of COVID-19, this plan is subject to change based on additional guidance from GaDOE and the DPH.

The Boys & Girls Club of Valdosta understands the seriousness of the health risks of COVID-19. Therefore, we have enhanced our sanitation and safety practices across our organization to provide an environment where children can find a safe place to learn and grow in the hours afterschool.

Thank you for your continued understanding in these unpredictable times. We are looking forward to a fall filled with academic enrichment, hands on learning, and of course - FUN! We know our children need that now more than ever.

Sincerely,

The Boys & Girls Club of Valdosta
Exposure Response Flowchart

COVID-19 Screening

- No symptoms OR Direct Exposure*
  - No signs of COVID-19 via temp checks, self-reporting, or signs/symptoms

- Direct Exposure*, No Symptoms
  - Came in close contact or interacted with a confirmed case of COVID-19 – experiencing no symptoms

- Direct Exposure*, At Least 1 Symptom
  - Came in close contact or interacted with a confirmed case of COVID-19 – experiencing at least 1 symptom

Students/Staff Response

- Proceed to School/Work
  - Implement recommendations outlined in “Georgia’s Path to Recovery for K-12 Schools”

- Can Return to School/Work after:
  - Impacted students or staff have completed all requirements in the DPH’s “Return to School Guidance”
  - If this person is tested for COVID-19 during the 14 day quarantine period, a negative test result would not change or decrease the time a person is monitored, but a positive test would move the person into one of the below categories, based on whether they are still asymptomatic or have developed symptoms.

  - At least 24 hours have passed since recovery is defined as resolution of fever without the use of fever-reducing medications AND improvement in respiratory symptoms (e.g., cough, shortness of breath);
  - At least 10 days have passed since symptoms first appeared

District/School Response

- Implement Preventive Practices
  - Implement recommendations outlined in “Georgia’s Path to Recovery for K-12 Schools”

- Implement Enhanced Mitigation Measures
  - Implement recommendations outlined in “Georgia’s Path to Recovery for K-12 Schools”

- Targeted Closure
  - Close off affected areas (i.e. classrooms, offices, etc.) and if possible, wait 24 hours before deep cleaning and disinfecting

Diagnosis, No Symptoms

- Laboratory-confirmed case of COVID-19
  - but experiencing no symptoms (asymptomatic)

Diagnosis with Symptoms

- Laboratory-confirmed or suspected case of COVID-19

- Can Return to School after:
  - At least 24 hours have passed since recovery is defined as resolution of fever without the use of fever-reducing medications AND improvement in respiratory symptoms (e.g., cough, shortness of breadth)
  - At least 10 days have passed since symptoms first appeared

  Refer to DPH’s “Return to School Guidance”

Targeted Closure

- Close off affected areas (i.e. classrooms, offices, etc.) and if possible, wait 24 hours before deep cleaning and disinfecting

Short-term Closure

- Close for facility-wide deep cleaning

LONG-TERM CLOSURE

- Close building(s) for at least 14 days

- Implement Enhanced Mitigation Measures
  - Implement recommendations outlined in “Georgia’s Path to Recovery for K-12 Schools”

*Direct exposure – students or staff who have been exposed to a person with confirmed COVID-19 without appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE). Cloth face coverings are not considered PPE.

DPH DOES NOT recommend using a test-based strategy for returning to school for children or adults (2 negative tests at least 24 hours apart) after COVID-19 infection.* CDC has reported prolonged PCR positive test results without evidence of infectiousness. Although persons may have PCR-positive tests for up to 6 weeks, it remains unknown whether these PCR-positive results represent the presence of infectious virus. At this time, PCR positive specimens capable of producing disease have not been isolated more than 9 days after onset of illness.

More information about the science behind the symptom-based strategy for discontinuing isolation can be found here.

Updated to align with DPH’s ‘Return to School’ guidance (revised 7/23/2020)
When a person contracts the virus, symptoms may develop within 2-14 days from exposure, although some people never show symptoms. It is very important for your own safety and for the safety of others that you monitor your health for 14 days from your last exposure to COVID-19, and that you remain at home, avoid congregate settings and public activities, and practice social distancing. Below are the requirements for returning to the BGC.

**SYMPTOMATIC**

Individuals with confirmed case of Covid-19 or suspected exposure to Covid-19 that are **showing symptoms**, which may include: fever (100.4 +), cough, shortness of breath, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, or diarrhea.

- **10 days**  
  - At least 10 Days since:  
    - Positive lab test  
    - Exposure to someone with Covid-19  
    - First appearance of symptoms

- **3 days**  
  - At least 3 days (72 hours) since recovery:  
    - Fever-free for 3 days  
    - No fever-reducing medicine for 3 days  
    - Improvement in symptoms

**AND**

**ASYMPTOMATIC (NO SYMPTOMS)**

1. Individuals with a confirmed case of COVID-19 but are not showing symptoms

   - **10 days**  
     - At least 10 days have passed since the positive lab test and the person remains asymptomatic

2. Individuals with a known exposure to someone with Covid-19 but are not showing symptoms

   - **14 days**

Complete **all requirements** in the Department of Public Health guidance for persons exposed to COVID-19 at [https://dph.georgia.gov/contact](https://dph.georgia.gov/contact), which include:

- Quarantine yourself at home or be tested for Covid-19  
- Monitor your health for symptoms (including checking your temperature twice a day) during the 14 days after the last day you were in close contact with a person confirmed Covid-19.