



BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS
OF THE GULF COAST

BGCGC Club Safety Protocol

Safety is always our number one priority. At Boys & Girls Clubs of the Gulf Coast (BGCGC), there is nothing more important than the safety of our club members. We work every day to create a safe, fun environment so kids can have every opportunity to be successful in life. Following the COVID-19 outbreak, BGCGC has implemented a new safety protocol.

We are limiting the number of members that can attend during this program. BGCGC strives to follow CDC guidelines, MDE guidance, and MS Department of Health guidance in all situations possible. Plans, processes, and procedures are subject to change due to the fluid circumstances of the pandemic.

The following safety procedures are being implemented at all Clubs.

1. Handwashing Station– Upon arrival members/parents, and club staff, and guest **MUST** wash their hands prior to entering the facility. Parents **MUST** drop off and pick up their child at the front desk. (Parents may not go beyond the front desk at any time.)
2. Temperature Check- Prior to entering the facility, members and staff temperatures will be taken at this time. Anyone whose temperature is elevated at 99° F will not be permitted to enter. Parents must wait while member's temperature is checked. Members will be required to use hand sanitizer and then go directly to their assigned class where staff will be waiting. We will also be practicing proper hand washing every hour. Hand sanitizer will be in each room and **MUST** be used between each activity.
3. Masks- Masks are required to be worn by all staff and children but may be removed when social distancing can successfully be achieved. Staff/children may also provide their own personal mask. Mask must cover both nose and mouth.
4. Classrooms/Gym- Classrooms and gym will be cleaned and sanitized before and after each use. Classrooms and gym will have sanitizer easily accessible for periodic use.
Classroom - Members and staff will remain in the same classroom throughout the day. Members will be seated apart from each other in the classroom. Members will be provided individual packs of materials.
Gym - During sports activities members will not engage in any strenuous activity that may cause sweating. Members will remain apart from each other.
5. Sanitation- All members and staff are required to wash hands and utilize hand sanitizer throughout the day. We have hired additional staff to assist with maintaining sanitation throughout the clubs. Staff are required to ensure there is hand sanitizer throughout the

club and in the classrooms and gym. Restrooms remained stocked of paper products and proper soap. After the members have left for the day, staff will disinfect and sanitize classrooms, common areas, and gym for the following day to include the following:

- Wipe down all surfaces, tables, and chairs with disinfectant
 - Wipe down door handles
 - Sweep, mop and vacuum floors
 - Wipe down gym equipment
6. Restroom Breaks- Each classroom will follow scheduled break times. Only one group will be allowed to use the restrooms at a time. Other members will stand outside the restroom and maintain social distancing. Members will wash their hands after they use the restroom. Staff member **MUST** wash their hands once all members has used the restroom. Staff and members will return to their designated classroom.
 7. Signs and Symptoms- Coughing, sneezing, wheezing, breathing difficulties, pink eye, and or fever. In the event that any staff member shows any signs and symptoms they will be required to leave the facility and will not be able to return until they present a doctor's excuse clearing them for work. In the event any member shows any signs and symptoms, parents will be notified immediately, member will be removed from class and quarantined until parent arrives to pick them up. Member will not be able to return until present a doctor's excuse. In the event that a parent may show signs or symptoms and their employer sends them home, the member will not be able to return to the club until parent is cleared by a doctor to return to work. In the event this happens the club will do an extensive deep cleaning.
 8. Transportation- Bus transportation to schools for testing and extra curriculars is available. Masks are required to be worn on all school buses.
 9. Visitors- Visitors will not be allowed in Clubs due to health and safety concerns. Parents may not walk students to class, eat lunch with students, or visit during the day. Parent meetings will be held virtually when possible. Those requiring physical attendance will be scheduled. Any individual entering the facility must wear a mask at all times.
 10. In the event that we have a case of COVID-19 in a Club, we will close the area for use and do a deep cleaning to prevent any further spread. Once the deep cleaning is complete, we will then make a determination on reopening the area. The health and safety of our members and staff will be our number one priority when making this decision.
 11. Covid-19 Related Illness - Staff or children that test positive (or have a pending test) for Covid-19 must quarantine for a minimum of 14 days and may return after being symptom free (without fever reducing medication) for 72 hours. A doctor note is required for a return to the Club. Staff or children that are a "close contact" of an individual that has

tested positive for Covid-19 must quarantine for a minimum of 14 days, monitor for symptoms, and may return after being symptom free (without fever reducing medication) for 72 hours. A doctor note is required for a return to school. (The Mississippi Department of Health describes a “close contact” as someone that has been exposed to an individual diagnosed with Covid-19 in which masks were not worn and individuals were closer than 6 feet from one another for 15 minutes or more.)