

YOUTH CHALLENGE Safety Protocol

This Fall at Youth Challenge will look different than what we are all used to, but since we pride ourselves on the ability to adapt, we will do our best to make things fun while prioritizing your health and safety. We will plan to follow all recommended [CDC](#) and [Ohio Department of Health](#) guidelines as they pertain to Youth Challenge. Below are a few items that are specific to our Fall programs at YC.

PLEASE NOTE: We will do our best to monitor these safety measures, but working with the population we do may mean that certain activities and programs may create less than optimal situations to physical distancing and there will be a risk to attending programs this Fall. Attendance at programs is, of course, voluntary and at the discretion of the participant or volunteer and their families.

We are confident that we can make this a safe and satisfying program season. We feel it is important to stay socially connected but physically distant. We promise that the fun and friendship unique to YC will remain intact. We look forward to seeing you soon—whether online or in person!

Please review this important information regarding programs before registering online and feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns.

- YC will provide a mix of both virtual and in-person programs. [See calendar and registration for dates, times, and locations.](#)
- All in-person programs will be smaller numbers. Opportunities to come to programs may be limited.
- Face masks should be brought to all programs. When physical distancing of 6 ft. can NOT be maintained, we will require that face masks be worn by all participants* and volunteers.

**unless that individual is unable to remove their mask without assistance.*

- Staff members will follow the recommended CDC guidelines for wearing face masks and will have a face mask with them at all times.
- No outside food or drink will be permitted. Individually packaged snacks will be given to participants and volunteers at program. Water bottles and juice boxes will also be provided.
- We will ask that everyone leave all unnecessary personal items AT HOME and keep cell phones away during the program.
- When transportation is provided, there will be no more than two participants are on each vehicle. Drivers will wear proper PPE.
- All participants who are receiving transportation will be scanned with a thermometer before they get on the van to check temperatures. All participants and volunteers getting their own ride to program will be scanned with a thermometer upon arrival. Any participant with a fever of 100 degrees or higher, or who appears to be ill, will NOT be permitted to ride the van or attend that day's program. Participants and volunteers who are not feeling well are asked to STAY HOME, as is anyone who has been ill or had a fever within the past 48 hours. If someone in your household has had a fever or been sick please STAY HOME. We will monitor all participants and volunteers at each program and if anyone appears to be sick at a program we will send them home.

- Parents or family members dropping off and picking up participants or volunteers should remain in their vehicles and not enter the program.
- Before, during, and after each program, YC staff will ensure that all vans and equipment are properly sanitized.
- We will review safety protocol—including hand-washing, sanitation measures, physical distancing, etc.—at every program and do our best to ensure it is enforced. Those who do not follow our guidelines will be removed from the program.
- All program activities will take place OUTDOORS to more easily practice physical distancing. We will use markers to map out where people should stand and do our best to ensure that physical distancing is being practiced.
- There will be no new volunteers this Fall as we have postponed all volunteer training sessions until further notice. Volunteers will have partners for the social side of YC but will NOT be hands on with participants. If someone is in need of physical help to adapt an activity, YC staff will provide that assistance to participants.
- Programs will be CANCELLED if weather is unfavorable for outside activities.
- A SIGNED WAIVER must be completed by each participant and volunteer in order to attend any in-person program.

QUESTIONS? CONCERNS? PLEASE CONTACT US!

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