

YOUTH CHALLENGE Safety Protocol

This season 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 current 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 season. 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!

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

- All in-person programs will be smaller group numbers. Opportunities to come to programs may be limited.
- Face masks should be brought to all programs by participants and volunteers
 - Indoor programming:* face masks are required by all participants and volunteers for duration of program
 - Outdoor programming:* when physical distancing cannot be maintained, we will require that face masks be worn
- Staff members will follow the recommended CDC guidelines for wearing face masks and will wear a face mask 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, 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.
- Pursuant to Ohio Department of Health guidelines, participants, volunteers, and staff should notify Youth Challenge if they have been diagnosed with COVID-19.

- Participants, volunteers, and staff should notify Youth Challenge if immediate family or household member has been diagnosed with COVID-19.
- 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 handwashing, 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.
- Volunteers will have partners for the social side of YC but will NOT be hands on with participants. If someone needs physical help to adapt an activity, YC staff will provide that assistance to participants.
- A SIGNED WAIVER must be completed by each participant and volunteer to attend any in-person program.

QUESTIONS? CONCERNS? PLEASE CONTACT US!

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