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COVID-19 Health and Safety Guidelines and Procedures

Dakota Center's number one priority is to provide a safe environment for students during the summer. In order to maintain the health and safety of staff and students during the coronavirus pandemic, the following practices have been put in place. These practices were created under the guidance of the [Centers for Disease Control](#) and [Ohio Department of Health](#) and will continue to be updated and revised based on their guidance.

Health Screening / Well Check

To ensure the health and safety of all children, families, and staff, we are asking all participants and staff to do a quick health screen check at home before attending. The well check consists of checking for temperature or cough as well as asking routine questions as suggested by the Ohio Department of Health and CDC. ***If the child, staff or participant has any new onset coughing or shortness of breath, fever, muscle pain, chills, sore throat, headache or new loss or taste or sense of smell, please stay home.*** Additional health screens may be conducted throughout the day by staff as needed.

- Well Check reminder signs will be posted at every entrance
- Staff and students may be screened by a staff member upon arrival
- For the safety of students and staff, anyone who has symptoms or does not pass the screening should not enter the building and will be asked to return home
 - If an ill student has a sibling, the sibling will also be sent home for observation.

Facial Coverings

- All staff members and instructors are required to wear cloth face coverings while onsite.
- Cloth or disposable face coverings will be available to staff. The available masks are not the medical-grade face masks such as surgical facemasks or N95 respirators.
- Parents may choose to send their children with a face covering but it is not required.

Social Distancing

It is extremely important to us to keep all children and staff safe; therefore, we are putting social distancing protocols into place suggested by CDC and ODH. This consists of group sizes of 10 or less including staff. Children will be asked to keep some distance between each other throughout the day.

- Social distancing guidance is a 3-foot radius around each student, resulting in a 6-foot total distance between any two students
- Staff will maintain a 6-foot social distance between each other
- Staff-student ratios are 1:9
- Group sizes are not to exceed 10
- Pod groups in large group areas (gym, cafeteria) are limited per for reduction in large group interaction which will be done through visual or physical barriers in larger spaces

Hand Hygiene

Washing hands is a critical component to public health. All adults and children are required to wash hands upon arrival and often during the day by the following methods:

- Staff and students will follow proper hand washing procedures.
 - Soap and water for at least 20 seconds
 - Alcohol-based hand sanitizers with at least 60% alcohol can be used if soap and water are not readily available. Hand sanitizers are located at every entrance.
- Hand washing takes place at the following times:
 - Upon staff and students arrival and departure
 - Before and after preparing or eating food or drinks
 - Before and after administering medication or sunscreen
 - After using the toilet or helping a child use the bathroom
 - After coming in contact with bodily fluid
 - Before and after playing outdoors
 - Before and after transitioning to a new space

Cleaning and Disinfecting

We are following the CDC guidelines for cleaning and disinfecting throughout the day and after we close for the day.

- All areas of the building being used (gyms, common areas, etc.) are equipped with sanitizing supplies & gloves.
- Staff and instructors will routinely clean and sanitize rooms and surfaces and objects that are frequently touched. This may also include cleaning objects/surfaces not ordinarily cleaned daily such as doorknobs, light switches, classroom sink handles, countertops, desks, chairs, and playground structures.
- Toys and equipment will be cleaned and sanitized prior to being used by a new group of children.
- After toys and equipment have been used, they are to be set aside until they are cleaned and sanitized.

Sick Procedures

- If staff or a participant has been directly in contact with a person in the program that is either diagnosed or presumed positive for COVID-19, they will be contacted and they will have to remain out of the program for up to 14 calendar days from the date symptoms are first reported.
- This action will not be taken until the person is either diagnosed or is presumed positive for COVID-19.

Ill Students or Staff

To ensure the health and safety of other children, families, and staff in accordance with the state and federal agencies and the CDC, children who are sick are asked to stay home. Also, if *anyone* in the household is showing signs of illness we ask you to keep children home and notify us. If a child becomes sick throughout the day with a cough or fever, they and any siblings will need to be picked up immediately and will be separated from other children until they are picked up. **To ensure everyone's health, we will require all sick children to be picked up within 30 minutes of a phone call. If the person picking up is not listed on file as an approved pick up, please indicate that in the phone call. We will require a driver's license at pickup.** If a student or staff member develops any symptoms of illness consistent with coronavirus, the following procedures will be followed.

- Parents and/or emergency contacts will be called and asked to pick-up their child immediately.
- The ill student or staff will be isolated in a separate room while they wait to be picked up or until they are able to leave the facility on their own.
- After the ill student or staff member leaves the facility, staff will disinfect areas where the staff or student was present.