



Dear Caregiver,

It's important that you know the safety and protection of your children is the number one priority of The Valley Youth. We are doing everything possible to keep our youth participant, staff and volunteers protected from the COVID-19 virus.

Given the state of the virus in our community, the VYC plans to reopen on June 15th, 2020 with the following limitations for attendance in place:

- Have up to date registration form.
- Based off attendance/engagement of prior 12 months.
- Youth Participants that can commit to attending at least three days per week. If you cannot attend the minimum number of days for 2 consecutive weeks, they may lose their spot.

Upon this limited reopening, enhanced safety precautions for staff and members are as follows but not limited to:

- Screening & Check-In process
- Handwashing
- Respiratory Etiquette: cover your cough or sneeze (View Bulletin Board)
- Social Distancing (View Bulletin Board)
- Housekeeping & Disinfecting Routine (View Bulletin Board)
- Bathroom Procedures
- Procedures if staff, members, or volunteers display Covid 19 symptoms occurring on site.
- Response to a member or staff suspected/confirmed Covid 19

We continue to monitor all updates from the Centers of Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and Minnesota Department of Health for updated information, and are advising all staff, families, and youth members to continue to take precautions as recommended by the CDC.

Please understand that even with these precautions in place, we are unable to guarantee there will not be exposure to COVID-19. We advise that you make any decisions for your family with this in mind.

We realize that Valley Youth Center is the only place that some of the families in our community can turn to when schools are closed. We are monitoring this diligently and will continue to operate with these limitations in place as long as we are able to provide a safe environment for young people. As always, we place the safety of our youth and staff at the highest level.

Valley Youth Center COVID-19 Reopening FAQ's

Can a youth participant attend any time during open hours

- No, a parent/caregiver must complete a COVID-19 waiver before youth participant can engage in our summer program.

Is there a limit to the number of youth participants who can attend?

- Yes, the VYC has a set capacity for number of members who can be in the center based on CDC and MN Dept. of Health guidelines.

How will you determine which members can come?

COVID-19 enrollment is based on the following criteria:

- Currently registered youth (or youth with history of summer only registration) Sept 2019-Aug 2020 membership year
- Youth who were regular (defined at 3+ times per week) attendees of the VYC programming between June 2019-May 2020
- Youth who can commit to attending at least 3 days per week.
 - We will ask that youth participants attend at least 3 days per week during the current reduced capacity guidelines. If a member does not attend the minimum number of days for 2 consecutive weeks they may forfeit their spot.
- All individuals entering the VYC will also need to answer “no” to the three screening questions and have their temperature taken.

What protective factors is the VYC taking to make sure that facilities are clean and sanitized?

- High touch areas of the VYC are fully sanitized using multi-purpose cleaning solutions prior to youth entering the facility and at least every 2 hours thereafter.
- Everyone entering the VYC is required to wash their hands upon entry as well as before eating and after using the bathroom.
- All youth and staff are required to wear a mask and will be provided one if needed.

How will staff make sure that social distancing takes place inside the VYC?

- Youth will be split into small groups at a 1:9 staff to member ratio.
- Youth will not change groups and each group will stay separated during the day.
- If group switch rooms or rotate for any reason, the room will be sanitized before reentry.

Will meals and snacks be served?

- Yes, the VYC may serve a meal/snack daily.

What if a child begins to show symptoms while at the VYC?

- Youth, staff, and volunteers will be sent home or denied entry if they have **any** symptoms of illness. Parents/caregivers are responsible for picking up their child promptly and seeing a medical professional and provide proof of being COVID-Free.

FOR PARENTS/CAREGIVERS

Assumption of the Risk and Waiver of Liability Relating to Coronavirus/COVID-19

The novel coronavirus, COVID-19, has been declared a worldwide pandemic by the World Health Organization. **COVID-19 is extremely contagious** and has significant person-to-person spread. As a result, federal, state, and local governments and federal and state health agencies have recommended social distancing measures and have, in many locations, required ongoing prohibitions on the congregation of groups of people of various sizes.

The Valley Youth Center (“VYC”) has put in place preventative measures to reduce the spread of COVID-19. These include, but are not limited to social distancing, wellness monitoring, increased sterilization, required hand-washing, etc. However, the VYC **cannot guarantee** that you or your child(ren) will not become infected with COVID-19. Further, attending the VYC **could increase** your risk and your child(ren)’s risk of contracting COVID-19.

By signing this agreement, I acknowledge the contagious nature of COVID-19 and voluntarily assume the risk that my child(ren) and I may be exposed to or infected by COVID-19 by attending the VYC and that such exposure or infection may result in personal injury, illness, permanent disability, and death. I understand that the risk of becoming exposed to or infected by COVID-19 at the VYC may result from the actions, omissions, or negligence of myself and others, including, but not limited to, VYC employees, volunteers, and program participants and their families.

I voluntarily agree to assume all of the foregoing risks and accept sole responsibility for any injury to my child(ren) or myself (including, but not limited to, personal injury, disability, and death), illness, damage, loss, claim, liability, or expense, of any kind, that I or my child(ren) may experience or incur in connection with my child(ren)’s attendance at the VYC or participation in VYC programming (“Claims”). On my behalf, and on behalf of my children, I hereby release, covenant not to sue, discharge, and hold harmless the Welch Center Inc. dba Valley Youth Center (VYC), its employees, agents, and representatives, of and from the Claims, including all liabilities, claims, actions, damages, costs or expenses of any kind arising out of or relating thereto. I understand and agree that this release includes any Claims based on the actions, omissions, or negligence of the VYC, its employees, other participants, volunteers, agents, and representatives, whether a COVID-19 infection occurs before, during, or after participation in any VYC program.

Signature of Parent/Caregiver _____ Date _____

Name of Parent/Caregiver _____

Name of VYC Participant(s) _____

Additional Acknowledgements

Please provide your current contact information and at least one (1) emergency contact for your household.

If your child begins to exhibit signs or symptoms of illness while at the VYC or they refuse to comply with social distancing or other VYC policies you are responsible for answering a call from the VYC and picking up your child immediately if requested by VYC leadership.

Head of Household Name: _____

Phone: _____

Emergency Contact #1 Name: _____

Phone: _____

Emergency Contact #2 Name: _____

Phone: _____

I understand that in order to maximize capacity, the VYC expects my child to attend at least 3 days per week. If my child does not attend the minimum days per week for 2 consecutive weeks my child may lose their enrollment spot.

Parent/Caregiver signature _____

I acknowledge that I, and my child(ren), have been notified of all COVID-19 related policies and procedures. These policies are available at any time by contacting VYC management.

Parent/Caregiver signature _____

Member signature(s) _____