



**BOYS & GIRLS CLUB  
OF THE OZARKS**

**Attention Parents/Guardians:**

Our commitment to keeping the young people we serve safe is always our number one priority. Following the Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) outbreak, it's important that you know Boys & Girls Club of The Ozarks is doing everything possible to keep your child, our staff and volunteers protected from its spread. We are also closely monitoring reports from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and our local health department for all updated information.

As a reminder, we recommend these preventive actions every family should take to prevent exposure to COVID-19.

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Stay home when you are sick. (if members are sick we will be sending them home and will require cooperation)
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces using a regular household cleaning spray or wipe.
- Follow CDC's recommendations for using a facemask:
  - CDC does not recommend that people who are well wear a facemask to protect themselves from respiratory diseases, including COVID-19.
  - Facemasks should be used by people who show symptoms of COVID-19 to help prevent the spread of the disease to others.
- Wash your hands often:
  - Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom; before eating; and after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing.
  - It takes an average of 11.8 seconds to sing the entire *Happy Birthday* song, so if you sing it twice, that will ensure you've scrubbed long enough. This is a great method to share with children in your family. While this measure is simple, it is effective.
  - If soap and water are not readily available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol. Always wash hands with soap and water if hands are visibly dirty.

As an Organization, we are providing additional disinfectant for classrooms, bathrooms, and entry areas, along with high-touch areas (doorknobs and surfaces). Our cleaning team has added a heightened effort in ensuring we have safe and clean areas for our members. Our staff has access to the latest information from the county health department and the CDC for best practices to prevent the spread of viruses. As a reminder if a member shows signs of being sick we will air on the side of caution and request they be picked up in a hastily manner to minimize exposure. (not limited to signs of COVID-19)

Should you have any questions or concerns about this or any other matter, please do not hesitate to contact me directly. Our commitment to you and your children is unwavering. Please make note that this situational is obviously changing day to day. We will address the situation and change plans accordingly as updates are made.

Sincerely,

**Patrick Stewart**

Director of Operations

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