
Effective 3/28/22

CYC Hours

CYC hours for children are 8:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Families should make every effort to drop off children at CYC between 8:45 a.m. and 9:30 a.m., and to pick up children between 3:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. If you cannot drop off your children during these windows, children can be either dropped off or picked up between 12:15 p.m. – 12:30 p.m. daily.

Drop Off and Pick Up Procedures

Families will come into the building to drop off children. Anyone ages 2 and above, regardless of vaccination status, entering the building to drop off or pick up a child, should wear a mask. Drop off and pickup will occur at the classroom doors. Families should bring as few people as possible to drop off and pickup (i.e., only one adult in the building per child). Drop offs and pick ups should be kept brief.

Illness of a child

In light of COVID-19, CYC must maintain strict protocols in order to maintain safety for children. We are counting on CYC families to keep children who are ill at home. Guidance from the Maryland State Department of Health and Maryland State Department of Education can be found at https://earlychildhood.marylandpublicschools.org/system/files/filedepot/3/covid_guidance_full_080420.pdf.

In the case that your child gets sick while at CYC, it is more important than ever that someone is available to pick them up in a timely manner. While we have enhanced safety protocols in place for a child who gets sick while at CYC, all families should have someone who can get to CYC within 30 minutes to pick up a sick child. This is for the protection not only of that child, but the other teachers and children at CYC.

“Pods”

A large part of CYC’s COVID-19 protocol is based on the idea of “pods.” Indoors, children will only be interacting with teachers and children in their “pod.” A “pod” will be two classrooms that share a bathroom. There are three pods: Red and Orange; Green and Yellow; Blue and Purple. Please be mindful of this. It is important to consider protecting your “pod.” We are asking that everyone observe safe COVID-19 protocols outside of school to protect your pod.

Masks

Staff members at CYC will be wearing masks. Children should also wear masks. We do understand that wearing masks can be difficult for young children, so we ask that you practice this at home with your children. There are times when children will not need to wear masks (lunchtime, naptime, and outside when they are able to maintain social distancing). Fully vaccinated CYC staff will have the option to remove their masks on the playground when able to maintain social distancing. Masks such as KN95s and KF94s are encouraged.
**Snacks and lunches**

CYC will provide a morning and afternoon snack. For lunch, children may bring a reusable lunchbox. We do ask that you clean the lunch box daily. CYC can refrigerate items that need to be kept cold, and we will provide milk for lunch. We are not able to heat up lunches.

**Nap bedding**

Nap bedding should be sent in clean each Monday. On Fridays, nap bedding will be sent back home and should be laundered over the weekend. Families should send in a bag that can be fully closed in which to keep the nap bedding at CYC during the week. Bedding should be fully enclosed in this bag, such as a bag with a zipper closure or a jumbo, zip-top bag.

**Family Service Points**

CYC is suspending the requirements for families to earn service points during our COVID-19 operations.

**Birthday Celebrations**

While teachers and classrooms will continue to celebrate birthdays of children in the classroom through activities like special songs and books, at this families are asked not to send in special treats to distribute to the class on birthdays.