



Parent Guide

Our MISSION is to create memorable recreational, parks and aquatic experiences to enhance the quality of life.

Our VISION is connecting people and parks for life.

Dear Parents/Guardians/Campers,

In these unprecedented times, we recognize that youth programming will be more important than ever. Rest assured, new operational procedures will be put in place that adhere to guidelines of the CDC, local and state health departments. It is our goal to maintain a safe and healthy environment while continuing to create memories that will last a lifetime. The parent guide is a helpful tool that illustrates new safety protocol, cleaning/sanitizing details, and other policies.

We look forward to a safe and healthy program,

The City Of New Port Richey

Recreation and Aquatic Center Staff

Please note that the COVID-19 rules and procedures will take precedent over our regular rules and procedures and all are subject to change.

General Information

Clothing:

Please dress your child(ren) appropriately for both indoor and outdoor activities in comfortable, properly fitting, weather appropriate shorts/pants, shirts, and properly fitted shoes.

Clothing may not expose the torso or the midriff (front, back, or sides). Child(ren) must wear closed toe shoes that are suitable for outdoor play.

Garments and/or jewelry which display or suggest sexual, vulgar, drug, gang, weapons, or alcohol-related wording or graphics, or which provoke or may tend to provoke violence or disruption, shall not be worn. Failure to comply may cause staff to contact you and your child(ren) may be sent home from the program.

All clothing, backpacks and any other personal items should be labeled with your child's name and stored separately.

Personal Items:

We request that participants do not bring personal belongings to the site. Electronic devices (cell phones, earbuds, Bluetooth, electronic games, iPads, etc.) are not allowed during program hours and it is recommended that they not be brought to the sites.

The City of New Port Richey is not responsible for lost or damaged personal property.

Only bring essential items.

Severe Weather:

Staff will take immediate action if there is severe weather just prior to or during hours of operation for the protection of all participants and patrons.

Illness:

Sick children should not be brought to the program site. Children's temperatures will be taken daily. If your child becomes ill during the day, the parent/guardian will be notified. When the illness involves a fever, vomiting, rash, or contagious conditions your child must be picked up immediately. If the parent/guardian cannot be reached, the next authorized person listed will be contacted.

Children sent home due to illness, fever or a contagious condition will not be allowed to return for a minimum of 72 hours or until on site staff verifies the situation has been resolved. The parent/guardian may be required to provide documentation from a licensed physician. The Parks and Recreation Department follows the policies of the Pasco County School Board regarding communicable diseases. (See COVID-19 Section for more details).

Medical Emergencies:

It is the parent/guardian's responsibility to keep emergency information and contact data up to date. Staff members are trained in basic First Aid/CPR/AED. Minor first aid treatment will be given by on site staff, an incident report will be completed, and the parents/guardian will be notified.

In the event of a medical emergency, the Parks and Recreation Department's policy is to immediately call 911. The staff will contact the parents/guardian or the emergency person(s) designated if the parent/guardian cannot be reached. The parent/guardian is responsible for payment of medical services required for your child. It is strongly recommended that emergency contacts listed be no more than 1/2 hour away from the site.

Supervision:

New Port Richey Parks and Recreation staff will be supervising your children. Staff to child ratio will be 1 to 10. Staff will keep parents informed about upcoming events, special announcements, accomplishments, accidents, and incidents.

Games:

Any and all games must adhere to social distancing guidelines for children and employees. When playing games, equipment will be sanitized before, periodically during, and after. Games that adhere to social distancing include, but are not limited to the following:

- Kickball
- Soccer
- Tennis
- Pickleball
- Basketball
- T-Ball
- Relay Races

Communication:

Parents/Guardians must inform the staff when:

1. Household contact information should be updated (change in phone #, emergency contact, etc.)
2. Someone other than those listed on your child's registration will be picking up your child. This information must be in writing and the designee will be asked to show identification.
3. Your child cannot be picked up on time.

Keeping open communication between parents/
guardians and staff is key to success of the
program!

COVID-19

The health and well-being of our families and staff are our highest priorities. In the interest of limiting the opportunity for transmission to our vulnerable community, we are taking precautionary measures:

Your child may not enter the facility if any member of your household has (or has been in close contact with anyone who has):

- A suspected or confirmed case of COVID-19 (for example - close contact at school, work, religious service, social gathering).
- Traveled internationally or domestically from any area which is the subject of travel restrictions under applicable state and local guidance. Fourteen days after the last potential exposure, your household may return provided these three guidelines have been met:
 1. At least 14 days have passed since any household member first experienced symptoms; and
 2. Symptoms have improved for any household member that experienced symptoms (for example, cough or shortness of breath has improved); and
 3. The household has been fever-free for at least 72 hours without the use of fever-reducing medicines.

Please note, depending on the circumstances we may require you to obtain medical clearance before return to the recreation center.

HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS: include individuals who may not live in the household but may be staying there or are otherwise present in the household on a regular basis (e.g. nannies, caregivers, home health workers, contractors, etc.) and include anyone with pickup or drop off privileges at the center.

CLOSE CONTACT: is defined by the CDC as (1) being within approximately 6 feet (2 meters) of a COVID-19 Case for a prolonged period of time and can occur while caring for, living with, visiting, or sharing a health care waiting area or room with a COVID-19 case, or (2) having direct contact with infectious secretions of a COVID-19 case (e.g. being coughed on). Considerations when assessing close contact include the duration of exposure and the clinical symptoms of the person with COVID-19.

FOR MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS: If contact occurs while wearing recommended personal protective equipment or PPE (e.g. gowns, gloves, NIOSH - certified disposable N95 respirator, eye protection). That contact will NOT be considered close contact for purposes of this policy.

Health Check and Illness Policy: COVID-19

ALL STAFF and CHILDREN MUST CONDUCT A DAILY HEALTH CHECK BEFORE COMING TO THE CENTER.

- Should you or any household member have any of the following symptoms, we ask that you do not attend the program for the day and notify the center. Fever of 100.0 or higher, now or in the preceding 72 hours, cough, sore throat, muscle aches, difficulty breathing, loss of smell or taste.
- Consistent with our COVID-19 Policy, the household will be required to remain out of the center for 14 days unless medical clearance is provided by a physician indicating that the presenting symptoms are associated with a known non-COVID_19 illness. The physician's note must not be from a family member.
- If a child becomes sick during camp hours, Exclusion from the center is sometimes necessary to reduce the transmission of illness. For your child's comfort, and to reduce the risk of contagion, we ask that children be picked up within 1 hour of notification. Until then, your child will be kept in-doors, in a comfortable setting, and will continue to be observed for symptoms.
- Please review CDC Guidelines for children with asthma and immune deficiency disorders.

Summary of Enhanced Protocols-Centers

We are continually updating our processes and protocols in accordance with the most recent Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidance and the guidance of state, local health officials. We are encouraging our centers to maintain small group sizes and practice social distancing to the best to the best of our ability, given the ever-changing circumstances and variation in guidance across states and localities. Please see CDC Guidelines for more details: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html> or <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/index.html>

At your center, you will notice:

- Daily Health Check for Staff and children required before coming to the center.
- Cloth face coverings/masks worn by staff, as recommended by the CDC. Face masks must be worn by any child or patron entering the facility.

Drop-Off Procedures:

Upon arrival parent/caretaker and child will remain in their vehicle till a recreation staff member approaches them. The recreation staff member will conduct health screenings on the participants, each day they attend. The wellness screening will consist of a temperature check and a series of questions that the parent/caretaker will sign off on, stating their child meet the regulated health criteria.

Screening criteria:

- Does the child present with a fever over 100.0?
- Does the child show signs of illness, which could include flushed cheeks, rapid breathing or difficulty breathing, fatigue, or extreme fussiness?
- Has the child been in close contact with a known or suspected COVID-19 case in the past 14 days?
- Has the child traveled internationally or domestically by airplane within the past 14 days?

**Health screening questions were determined by the City of New Port Richey Fire Department and guidelines set by the CDC.*

The summer camp staff member will ensure that the child has been properly screened and accounted for the day. The child will be responsible for joining their group and checking in with their counselor.

Pick-Up Procedures:

Upon arrival parents/caretaker will remain in their vehicle till a summer camp staff member approaches them. The parent/caretaker will have to show the staff member their driver license or some sort of other identification, before we release the child in their care.

The New Port Richey Recreation and Aquatic center keeps your child's health and safety a top priority. Please keep the child drop-off/ pick-up form updated. We will not release your child into an individual's care unless they are approved by the primary parent/caretaker.