



CAMP HOPE Emergency Child Care During Statewide School Closure

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Here at the Y, we value our community, and it is our mission to help, especially in times of great need. Recognizing the significant impact of the public school closure on families around our county, the Franklin County Y and Franklin County Public Schools have teamed up to work closely in an effort to support critical members of the workforce and provide safe child-care alternatives for their families. Beginning Monday, April 6, we will provide child-care services for essential personnel (as defined by the Governor's office. See attached.)

Who is eligible: Grades K – 5 (Essential Personnel)

Where: Rocky Mount Elementary School

When: Monday through Friday, 8 AM – 6 PM

Eligible students will participate in a myriad of activities and instruction. Staff will assist students with online school assignments, as provided by FCPS, as well as physical education and fun activities, all while following the strict spatial distancing requirements. All participants will receive free USDA-approved breakfast, lunch and snack. Stringent health protocols will be enforced and classrooms will be limited to groups of 10 (8 children and 2 adult staff).

Due to limited capacity for this program, eligibility will be prioritized, therefore, for now, we encourage families who are not “essential personnel” to remain at home to care for their children. This will help ensure spaces for essential personnel in need of childcare as they directly support the COVID-19 response effort. Registration and eligibility requirements are attached.

We care about all of our families and hope that you are staying well during this unprecedented time. Our hope is to be back serving ALL of our families as soon as possible. For questions about this program, please contact Jamie Stump, School-Age Childcare Coordinator at: jstump@franklincountyyymca.org or Hope Vaccaro, Childcare Director at: hvaccaro@franklincountyyymca.org

Thank you,

Franklin County YMCA

HOW TO REGISTER:

1. Apply on-line: www.franklincountyyymca.org
2. Complete the on-line application, questionnaire, and participation form
3. Return it to the email link provided on our website

Eligibility Requirements

*Essential personnel are the first-responders, health care workers, and others who help maintain the health, safety, and welfare of the Commonwealth's residents. Here are examples of essential personnel:

- • Providers of healthcare including, but not limited to, workers at clinics, hospitals, Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs), nursing homes, long-term care and post-acute care facilities, respite houses, designated agencies and emergency medical services;
- • Essential government employees including public health employees and employees who oversee or support all the other functions included in this list;
- • Criminal justice personnel including those in law enforcement, courts, and correctional services;
- • Police, firefighters, and military;
- • Employees who operate shelters or other essential services for adults, children and families;
- • Employees who ensure continuity of basic services such as electricity/gas, water, internet, plumbing, sanitation and garbage removal;
- • Employees who ensure essential transportation including public transportation, trucking and health care-related transportation;
- • Employees who ensure essential food, pharmaceutical and supplies access (e.g., grocery, food bank, feeding programs, drug store, hardware store); and
- • Staff and providers of child care and education services (including custodial and kitchen staff and other support staff) for children of other essential personnel.