



Boys & Girls Club of Gloucester County Child Care Program

Facts and FAQs

The COVID-19 crisis may make you wonder if it is safe to send your child to our child care program. We want to provide the following information on the enhanced health and safety measures we are implementing to keep everyone safe and healthy. We are following the guidelines set forth on May 29, 2020 by the NJ Department of Children and Families in accordance with the Centers for Disease Control. Our Summer Camp opened successfully on July 6th and our School Age Child Care programs will begin supporting families on the first day of in school instruction, currently September 8, 2020.

What are the fees?

The annual membership fee is \$15 (if not already paid for 2020). The School Age Child Care fees are: \$150 weekly (discounted to \$125 weekly if you pre-pay for your week of care), or daily : \$25 for half day / \$50 full day

What are the hours of the Child Care program?

We will provide as much care as is possible to support working families navigate the hybrid plan, based on the district's voted/approved school days.

We will provide service from 8am until 5pm

What safety precautions are being put in place?

We must adhere to the Department of Children and Families Health and Safety Guidelines for Child Care Centers available

here: <https://www.nj.gov/dcf/news/Final.CC.Health.and.Safety.Standards.pdf>

and in Spanish here: <https://www.nj.gov/dcf/news/Final.CC.Health.and.Safety.Standards-spa.pdf>

Students will be assigned to groups of no more than 10. Groups will not co-mingle or share materials unless the materials can be sanitized. We are happy to let you know that BGC GC will provide a plastic pencil box and individual school supplies for EVERY student in our child care program so that these materials are not shared and can stay right in our program. If a child becomes ill, each center will have an isolation room.

What about masks?

Our organization requires that all staff and school age students wear a face covering while in our program, inside and outside, except when eating, unless, as guidelines indicate, this would not be possible due to health reasons or special accommodation requirements. If a child or staff cannot wear a mask, we must adhere to strict social distancing. Your child will need a mask or face covering for school, so they can use the same mask in our program. If something happens to your child's mask, we have children's disposable masks on site.



What about social distancing? How do you keep kids 6 feet apart in childcare?

We will implement social distancing to the extent possible. We will guide students to keep 6 feet apart. In our guidance for childcare, we will create groups of students who will stay in the same groupings and will not co-mingle with other groups. We will make every effort to social distance them, but it is not a 100% guarantee. Our activities will intentionally require more spacing between students. We will also go OUTSIDE as much as possible. Developmentally, children (even adults) cannot stay at one desk all day. We are focusing on safety, health, learning and also meeting social emotional needs for relationship building and trust.

What is the screening process at drop off? What does drop off and pick up look like?

On days your student has virtual learning and is with us all day, students (AND Staff working with students in our programs) are checked for fever with a no- contact thermometer (no one with a temperature over 100.4 degrees F will be admitted) and parents are asked screening questions regarding symptoms each day. We are required to keep this data daily and report it to the Office of Child Care Licensing. Parents will not be permitted to enter the building at drop off or pick up. After screening, students will be sent or escorted (depending on location and child's age) to wash their hands and go to their group/classroom. Pick up in the afternoons by 5:00pm and we will have a dedicated staff member at the door to greet parents. When you arrive we will send for your child, have them wash their hands and bring them to you at the door.

How many students can enroll?

The maximum capacity at the BGCGC Glassboro Center is 30 children. The maximum capacity at the BGCGC Paulsboro center is 40 children. Enrollment is verified once all child care applications, paperwork, and payment agreements have been completed and received by the Center Access Coordinators.

Who are the staff, what are their qualifications, and what activities and supports are you offering?

Our staff are youth development workers who are completing or have completed their education, as well as community members. BGCGC maintains low staff turnover annually but because of our growth this year, you may see both familiar and new faces. Our Center Directors manage the program and Youth Development Professionals will work directly with your children. We will provide a blend of academic support (i.e. assistance during and after virtual learning) and Boys & Girls Club programming. We have trained our staff in STEM activities, mindfulness and social emotional learning activities, and offer opportunities for physical activities, art and other youth activities.



Can we vary days based on work schedules for parents? I only need childcare 2 days a week, after they are dismissed from school. My mother can watch my kids the other 3 days.

Currently we are offering two types of enrollment. Weekly (5 full days, or 3 full days and 2 half days) and Daily (any combination of days).

With the current travel advisory, listing “hot spot” states, what if my child goes to a state where the Governor’s Executive order states we have to self-quarantine? What if we go on vacation? What if I go on vacation to a state on the list and my child does not? What about weekend trips? Do I have to pay if my child is out because they now must self-isolate?

Boys & Girls Club of Gloucester County has adopted the statement for staff and students in which we expect they will not travel for non-essential business. If staff or students do travel for non-essential business, despite this policy, they will need to notify BGCGC immediately and self-isolate for a period of 14 days.

What if my child is in the Cohort of 100% virtual learning? Can my child attend your child care program?

Yes. Our program is for students who are attending in person or virtual learning at school.

What if I don’t want my child to come back to the child care program right away. Can you hold a slot for her to begin in October?

No. Our enrollments will be first come, first serve and we are not able to hold a slot.

Can I use my childcare subsidy? Do I have to swipe or call in and out? How will I do that if I cannot come into the building?

Yes! If you have a childcare subsidy, please be sure to let Rutgers Child Care Resource and Referral know that your child will be attending our program FULL TIME on the days he will not be in school. It is important that the subsidy office is aware that the care you need it FULL TIME so they will increase your subsidy payment. The voucher should cover MOST of the cost of our program. You will be responsible for paying your copay, if applicable. If your subsidy is written for PART TIME care, you will be responsible for a greater difference.

Right now, parents are not “swiping” or “calling”. We are hoping we will be able to complete attendance online or on paper. We will keep you updated on this.



How will meals be handled?

Your child may receive breakfast and lunch each day from the school or parents will pick up the lunches at school and will eat them at our child care center. (Parents may also pack lunches for children) **Breakfast and Lunch will not be provided by BCGC.** A nutritious morning snack around 10am and a dinner around 3pm will be provided each day at no additional cost. Masks will be removed during meals.

Please let us know at registration if your child needs special accommodations regarding meals and we will work with you to do what is reasonable and best for your child!