

Ignite 2020-2021 Covid19 Approach - Parents

From the onset of planning this Ignite year, we began diving into available documents and data concerning the running of youth events in light of the COVID-19 pandemic. Our top priority is the overall safety and wellbeing of all teens and youth workers. We have referenced various perspectives, State and Federal guidance, and the scientific data available to us to formulate our own guidelines and approach to these events. The result was the creation of this parent information document, a volunteer training document and an internal reference document. Rest assured that we are doing our absolute best as a team to run our Ignite program to be dynamic yet safe.

PARTICIPANT SCREENING

Prior to any small or large group event, make sure your teen asks themselves the questions below. If they can answer 'yes' to any of the below, please have them communicate with someone on the Ignite team before attending:

- Am I experiencing any symptoms of illness including fever, cough, sore throat, body aches, or runny nose?
- Have I tested positive for COVID-19 within the past two weeks?
- Have I been in contact with someone who has tested positive within the last two weeks?
- Have I travelled to any of the high impact states or countries identified by the CDC and Governor Murphy within the past 14 days? (An updated version of this list can be found [here](#))

APPROACH - GUIDELINES

- Regular monitoring of volunteers and participants for symptoms of sickness during events
- Sanitizing agents will be readily available at all times to volunteers and participants at all events (hand sanitizer, and cleaning supplies)
- Volunteers will oversee the cleaning and disinfecting of high touch surfaces before and after events
- USE OF MASKS/FACE COVERINGS:

OUTDOORS: Encouraged use when not engaged in high intensity aerobic activity (sitting, transitioning from activities, Mass, etc.) Mandatory use when unable to maintain social distance of 6 ft., as per NJ State guidelines

INDOORS: Masks will be mandatory to wear when inside.

- Following of the CDC guidelines on social distancing (6 feet apart when not wearing a mask outside)
- We are discouraging physical contact (hugs, high-fives, etc.), and request that no sharing of items and equipment occur between individuals and groups
- Encouraging of frequent washing of hands, or use of hand sanitizer, by both participants and volunteers
- Any snacks or beverages at events will be packaged products handled with care by designated volunteers following specific food protocols.