



March 10, 2020

Dear Boys & Girls Clubs of Bloomington Families, Volunteers, and Partners:

As you are aware of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) situation that is unfolding in our country, we wanted to share with you an update regarding our current actions, decisions, and plans:

- Our Club staff is committed to keeping your children safe while at the Club. Consistent and thorough handwashing, practicing safe distance practices, and instructing youth to sneeze into their elbow, have all been part of our best practices training.
- We continue to wipe down all frequently touched surfaces with appropriate disinfectants to decrease opportunities for infection. Facility cleanliness continues to be a top priority.
- We have been and will continue to be, in contact with the Monroe County Health Department to receive updates, recommendations, and professional guidance, which may include recommendations to close Clubs. We have also been monitoring Center for Disease Control (CDC) messages and updates.
- We will be closely following the decisions that are made at the Monroe County Community School Corporation and the Richland-Bean Blossom Community School Corporation. Decisions about Club closure will be made in the best interest of all.
- We know that this challenge is loaded with unknowns. Please know that we will stay well informed and make decisions that are in the best interest of all citizens in our community. We recognize the importance of our program to you, your family, or your organization. We do not take this responsibility lightly. Please let us know if you have any questions.
- Lastly, as you, your family, or your organization prepare for the days ahead, please take the time to become familiar with the recommendations below. We need to work together to decrease the spread of the virus. Let's continue to actively care for one another.

**In order to limit the spread of COVID-19 (or any illness), please follow these best practices:**

- \* Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- \* If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- \* Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- \* Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- \* Stay home when you are sick.
- \* Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- \* Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.
- \* Forgo shaking hands for an elbow bump, a wave, or a friendly smile.
- \* If you or someone you know tests positive for COVID-19, please let us know so we can respond accordingly/appropriately.

**If you or your child is exhibiting any possible symptoms, please stay home!** Please keep your child at home if you/your child has any of the following:

- \* FEVER: any temperature above 100F or severe subnormal temperature
- \* COLD: a runny nose with colored discharge is the most common sign.
- \* COUGH: any cough with mucus secretion (a wet or wheezy cough) can spread bacterial or viral infection on the droplets.
- \* RASH OR SKIN IRRITATION: poison oak, impetigo, ringworm, cold sores, head lice, and communicable diseases (measles, chickenpox, mumps, etc.) often have rashes or itching as symptoms.
- \* DIARRHEA
- \* VOMITING
- \* PINK EYE: any unusual irritation of the eye or mucus membranes

More information from the CDC: (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/about/prevention-treatment.html>)

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jeff P. Baldwin". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line extending from the end.

Jeff Baldwin  
Executive Director  
Boys & Girls Clubs of Bloomington