

# REOPENING YOUTH PROGRAMS AND CAMPS DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC



The purpose of this tool is to assist directors or administrators in making decisions regarding youth programs and camps during the COVID-19 pandemic. It is important to check with state and local health officials and other partners to determine the most appropriate actions. Note: In areas requiring significant mitigation, youth programs and camps that remain open to serve the children of essential workers should refer to [Guidance for Child Care Programs that Remain Open](#).

## Should you consider opening?

- ✓ Is the youth program or camp in a community no longer requiring significant mitigation?
- ✓ Will reopening be in compliance with state and local orders?
- ✓ Will the youth program or camp limit attendance to children and staff who live in the local area?
- ✓ Will the youth program or camp be ready to protect children and staff at higher risk for severe illness?

**ANY NO**



**ALL YES**



## Are recommended safety actions in place?

- ✓ Promote healthy hygiene practices such as hand washing, staff wearing a cloth face covering
- ✓ Intensify cleaning, disinfection, and ventilation
- ✓ Ensure social distancing such as increased spacing, small groups, limited mixing between groups
- ✓ Limit sharing of items such as toys, belongings, supplies, and equipment
- ✓ Train all staff on safety actions

**ANY NO**



**ALL YES**



## Is ongoing monitoring in place?

- ✓ Check for signs and symptoms in children and staff
- ✓ Encourage anyone who is sick to stay home
- ✓ Plan for if children or staff get sick
- ✓ Regularly communicate with local authorities, staff, and families
- ✓ Monitor child and staff absences and have flexible leave policies and practices
- ✓ Be ready to close if there are increased cases

**ANY NO**



**ALL YES**

