



## VIRTUAL LEARNING SUPPORT FOR SCHOOL YEAR 20/21

### R.E.C.-Recreation Enrichment Center

The City of Alpharetta Recreation Services Division has been working diligently to prepare for our School Year Programs. Meeting the needs of our community while emphasizing safety and meeting CDC and Governor's guidelines is of the highest priority during the COVID19 pandemic.

The Recreation Services Division will be moving forward offering R.E.C.- Recreation Enrichment Center for in-person 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade support. Additional information and registration can be found at <https://apm.activecommunities.com/alpharetta> and <https://bit.ly/alphavirtualearning>

When the program begins, our staff will be prepared to follow the *Bright From the Start* protocol for the R.E.C. program and the CDC recommendations and Governor's guidelines. It is important you read the information in this document so that there is clear understanding of what is expected of both parents and participants, as well as what you can expect from staff at your child's program.

Q: How are we **structuring the R.E.C.** to follow the guidelines set by the CDC, *Bright From the Start* and the Governor's orders?

A: Staff has been working diligently to structure programs to ensure maximum safety and follow the required guidelines by implementing the following:

1. Program sizes will be limited to accommodate distancing of groups.
2. Student groups will be 20 persons or less, no intermingling of groups and no large group activities. Participants will stay with their group for the duration of the school week.
3. Lunch time will be held in different areas throughout the park or building, with smaller groups or a rotation of times allowing children to spread out.
4. While utilizing park areas, staff will take into account the public use first to ensure proper social distancing. This will pertain the playgrounds and field use.

Q: What **safety precautions/practices** are in place to ensure participants' safety?

A: Each facility has safety protocols and practices in place to ensure the safety of all who enter the facility. The following are in place for all programs:

1. Screening will occur each day at drop-off. No-touch thermometers will be used to check the temperatures of all occupants in the drop-off vehicle before the participant exits. If any occupant has a temperature of 100.4 or higher (CDC guidelines), the participant will not be allowed to exit the vehicle. Pertinent

questions will be asked each Monday of parents to ensure they or their children have not recently been exposed to anyone with COVID19.

2. Staff is trained to identify the symptoms of illness in participants.
3. Each group will be provided with sanitation supplies and staff will educate each child to assist in this process.
4. Sanitizing, cleaning of supplies and shared areas will increase according to the facility maintenance plan and safety protocols in place at each facility.
5. Hand washing stations will be available in and around the facilities. Children will be required to wash their hands throughout the day, especially during restroom, snack and lunch breaks. All participants will be expected to practice proper hand washing techniques.

Q: What happens if a **child gets sick** during a program?

A: The following protocol will be followed:

1. If a child presents with a temperature of 100.4 or higher, cough, shortness of breath/difficulty breathing, fever, chills, muscle pain, sore throat or new loss of taste or smell at any time, they will be given a mask to wear, be immediately separated from the group and placed in an isolated area with a staff member until they are picked up by the parent/guardian.
2. A sick child must be picked up by the parent/guardian or emergency contact within 30 minutes of staff's phone call.
3. The participant is prevented from returning to camp until they have been fever/fever medication free for 24 hours, other symptoms have improved; if a positive COVID test result was received, the participant cannot return until ten (10) days have passed.
4. Children will still be sent home as they would for any other illness, such as vomiting, pink eye, lice, etc.
5. If a participant in your child's group falls ill with COVID19-like symptoms or is diagnosed with COVID19, staff will immediately notify parents in that group.

Q: How are you **monitoring the public** coming in and out of your facilities?

A: We will be screening all persons, including staff, who enter our facilities. If anyone has a temperature of 100.4 or higher, they will not be allowed in the building. For classes, all instructors will be screening participants as well.

Q: What are **my responsibilities as a parent** sending my child to ARPCS programs?

A: Parents' responsibilities are as follows:

1. Talk to your child about proper handwashing/sanitizing techniques and practices, covering coughs and sneezes and not sharing water bottles or food.
2. Remind your child to remain in their groups and follow their teacher's/instructor's directions.
3. You may provide your child with hand sanitizer and masks if you wish. Staff will have hand sanitizer if needed.
4. Children must wear masks walking to their program area, and may only be removed when directed by the teacher/instructor.
5. Do not allow toys or items from home other than the items needed for the program.
6. Reminder that all programs have a "NO CELL PHONE" policy. If a phone is discovered, it will be held by the facility supervisor until the end of the day and returned to the parent upon pick-up. The main number, 678-297-6100, may be called at any time if you need to reach your child. If a child needs to make a call, the teacher/instructor will provide means for doing so.
7. Drop-off and pick-up will strictly be drive-thru; **no walk-ins will be allowed**. Stay in line and **do not exit** your vehicle. Staff will check the occupants' temperatures and if all occupants are below 100.4, participants will be allowed to exit the car and directed to their group area. Staff will check in curbside. If you arrive after the start of your program, you will need to call the facility number (See below) and wait in your car for staff to assess your occupants. **DO NOT WALK YOUR CHILD INTO THE FACILITY.**
8. The most important responsibility for parents is **do not send your child if they are sick**. Know the symptoms of COVID19 and if you, a family member or your child is presenting with the symptoms listed above or other flu-type symptoms, keep them home. If they are home sick, the return criteria stated above must be adhered to. If your child falls ill on the weekend after programs, you must inform the facility Supervisor immediately. This is crucial to keeping our program healthy and it is the responsibility of the parent to keep not only your child safe, but other children and staff safe as well by keeping sick children home.

Please keep in mind that this situation is ever-changing and we will do our best to adjust as needs and demands change for our participants, teachers/instructors and staff. Safety is our number one priority! We want your child to have a safe experience in our programs.

Important contact information:

**Late drop-off:**

ACC-Micro-learning, Dance, Gymnastics Camps

678-297-6100

**Facility Supervisor:**

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