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MARSHALL AREA YMCA SUMMER CAMP PLANS

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Thank you so much for your interest in YMCA Summer Day Camp. We are delighted to know that the Y is a large part of your family and we want to provide an update on what is known, and unknown, as we quickly approach our original planned start date.

The big question is, "Will the Y be allowed to operate a traditional Day Camp this summer?" We are excited and hopeful to offer this service, but the reality is we are waiting for guidance from Governor Walz on summer activities. We feel Day Camp will be allowed, but if not, our plan is to continue offering all day Emergency Child Care. Once we are given permission, we will be ready to provide a camp experience which is safe for campers and staff. While we are waiting for confirmation, we have a staff team actively working on child care plans.

The Y is a large national non-profit organization and we are gathering resources from a mix of organizations which includes; the American Camping Association, YMCA of the USA, the Centers for Disease Control, peer Y's from across the nation, and our local health professionals. Our promise to you is that we will follow all possible precautions to ensure a safe space for all our staff and campers.

We have early plans on how Y Day Camp will adapt to the current situation. Physical distancing of campers will be a priority. Daily wellness screening of campers and staff will happen upon arrival and throughout the day. This includes a series of questions and hands free temperature readings.

In addition to wellness screenings, we are predicting a need for more square footage of program space per camper. The Y is currently reaching out to potential partners in the community to acquire additional space that could be utilized as a supplemental Day Camp venue to help follow guidelines of physical distancing and allow a greater number of youth and families to be served. Field trips may need to be suspended due to the close proximity of people and extended periods of time spent traveling on a bus. We are confident in our collaborations with our local and national partners to address these new guidelines to ensure we are ready to provide a safe and fun Y Day Camp experience when permission is granted. We will continue to update you as the situation evolves.

Timelines and strategic reopening details are in development, and we will keep the community and our members informed through our **webpage** and **social media channels** as plans become firm details.

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