

Summer Funshine 2020
Parent Guide Addendum & FAQs Concerning
Updated Policies, Procedures, & Practices
Updated July 13, 2020

The safety of your child(ren) and our staff members is our top priority. We appreciate your support and patience as we navigate these uncharted waters. With that in mind, we've created this FAQ to hopefully answer your Summer Funshine questions.

The Farmers Branch Parks and Recreation Department's *Youth Programs' Parent Guide and Standards of Care* provide overall guidelines, rules, policies, practices, and general information about the City's Youth Programs. This document can be found online at www.fbreccenter.com under Camps- Summer Funshine Information. The rules, policies, guidelines outlined in *the Parent Guide and Standards of Care* are still effective in 2020. This document provides supplemental information relative to program modifications and safety protocols enacted in response to the current coronavirus pandemic. Summer Funshine will operate in accordance with CDC Guidelines for Summer Camp operations. Program practices, guidelines, and procedures may be changed throughout the summer if guidelines change. For details about the CDC Guidelines, visit <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/summer-camps.html>

Where is Summer Funshine meeting?

The Branch Connection, located at 14055 Dennis Lane. The Branch Connection, formerly known as the Senior Center, is closed to the public this summer and will be used exclusively for Summer Funshine.

How many children will be in Summer Funshine?

Up to 100 children will be accepted. This is down from the 300-350 we normally accept every summer. Although 100 children may be enrolled, average attendance generally runs at 70-80% of enrollment.

How many children and staff members will be in each group age group?

Summer Funshine will be divided into four groups or "cohorts" by age. Groups will be kept separate while inside the facility. There will be four Summer Funshine staff members assigned to each group.

Where can I find the weekly calendar and parent letter?

In an effort to limit close contact, staff is limiting the amount of documents being handed out to families. There is one primary weekly calendar and parent letter that outlines and features activities. The calendar and parent letter document is distributed the first week of camp and is available upon request. The calendar repeats each week unless there is a significant change to the schedule of activities that warrants a new weekly calendar. The calendar and parent letter will be available on the Rec Center's website at www.fbreccenter.com and on the Rec Center's Facebook page at www.facebook.com/farmersbranchcrc. You do not need to have a Facebook account to view the Rec Center's Facebook page. Simply click on the link listed above to view Rec Center posts.

Will staff be trained on health and safety precautions related to COVID-19?

Yes, we've added additional staff development days to ensure everyone is properly trained on cleaning, sanitizing, proper hand washing, understanding COVID-19 symptoms, revised program guidelines, and updated CPR and First Aid practices as it relates to preventing disease transmission.

What if I don't feel comfortable about sending my child after I've registered? Can I remove my child from the program? Will I get a refund?

We'd hate to see you go but ultimately we want you to do what's best for your family. You may withdraw your child(ren) at any time from the program. Please contact the Recreation Center Manager at maria.minter@farmersbranchtx.gov or the Recreation Programs Coordinator at emanuel.pulido@farmesbranchtx.gov if you wish to withdraw your child(ren) from the program. Families will be refunded for any unused portion of the program once the child is withdrawn from the program. Please refer to the *Parent Guide* for more information.

When does the program start and end, and what are the hours? What if school starts early?

Monday through Friday June 15-August 14 from 7:30 am-6 pm. Those are our normal program hours. Children may not be dropped off prior to 7:30 am as supervision is not provided until 7:30 am. The program does not meet Friday, July 3 in observance of Independence Day. We follow the C-FBISD school year calendar so if the school year start date changes, our program date will change accordingly.

How and when can I drop off and pick up my child(ren)?

Parents, guests, and drop-in visitors are not permitted inside the facility. Staff will assist with drop off from 7:30-9 am and pick up from 4:30-6 pm. Parents/guardians dropping off their child(ren) after 9 am or picking up before 4:30 pm should contact Summer Funshine staff in advance as facility doors are secured.

Drop Off- Organized drop off is between 7:30 am-9 am. Please drop off your child(ren) at the main entrance under the awning. The north and south side doors are not entrances. You do not need to "sign in" your child(ren). In order to limit the number of people near the entrance, walking your child(ren) to the door is discouraged. Staff will be outside, under the awning at the main entrance to greet your child(ren) and assist with getting your child(ren) to his/her group's location as needed.

Pick Up- Organized sign out runs from 4:30-6 pm. This will be done in the driveway under the awning outside of the main entrance*. A staff member will come to your vehicle with the appropriate sign out sheet as you remain in your vehicle. As always, you will be required to show your government-issued ID. Once staff has confirmed your ID, staff will call for your child(ren) to exit the facility.

*in the event of severe and/or inclement weather, staff will not be outside for sign out. Sign out may be moved just inside the main entrance doors.

How do I get in contact with Summer Funshine staff during the day?

Drop ins/walk-ins will not be permitted. Please contact staff via phone/email.

Call First: 972.919.8740 (The Branch Connection main number)

Alternate Number: 972.247.4607 (Recreation Center main number)

Primary Email: maria.minter@farmersbranchtx.gov

Alternate Email: emanuel.pulido@farmersbranchtx.gov

Will free breakfast and lunch be available this year?

Children should eat breakfast before arriving to the program. Families need to provide a lunch for their child(ren) Monday-Thursday. We will provide lunch on Fridays. Please check with a staff member for information on Friday lunches. The Summer Food Service Program (free breakfast and lunch program) that Summer Funshine has participated in previous years is not available this summer. The C-FBISD is offering weekly Grab-and-Go Meal boxes at Blair Elementary from 9 am-12 pm Wednesdays in June and July through July 22. If you plan to participate in the Grab-and-Go meals, you'll be responsible for picking up meals, but meals can be stored at The Branch Connection. Other C-FBISD school campuses will also be offering this service. C-FBISD encourages families to take advantage of this service. For more information, please visit <https://cfbisd.edu/nutrition-services/summer-meals-program/>

Does my child need to wear a face covering/mask? What if I don't want my child to wear face covering/mask? Will staff be wearing a face covering/mask?

Yes, while indoors during the program, your child(ren) will be required to wear a face mask/covering. The only exception is during meal and snack times. Participants will remain at least six feet apart during meal and snack times. During outside activities, your child(ren) will not be required to wear a face mask while exercising or playing (i.e. running around). Children who are not exercising or playing will be required to wear a mask outdoors. We will provide one cloth face mask per child on the first day of camp (or sooner). We will also provide an additional mask midway through the summer. Additional masks may be available upon request, while supplies last. The masks are yours to keep, take home, wash, and send with your child(en) each day. Please follow CDC guidelines for cleaning/washing face coverings/masks.

Staff will also be required to wear a mask while inside the facility.

Will you be screening my child and staff at the beginning of the day? If so, what is the process?

Yes, we will screen each child upon arrival. Staff look for any COVID-19 symptoms to include cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, chills, repeated shaking with chills, muscle pain, headache, sore throat, loss of taste or smell, diarrhea, feeling feverish or a measured temperature greater than or equal to 100.0 degrees Fahrenheit, and known close contact with a person who is confirmed to have COVID-19. Note: Staff will use a touch free (forehead) thermometer to measure each child's temperature each day. If your child(ren) are experiencing these symptoms, you should not send them to the program.

Each staff member will also be screened upon arrival and have his/her temperature checked upon arrival.

Participant and staff screenings are documented via a COVID-19 Screening Checklist.

How will you handle distributing arts and crafts supplies, sports equipment, and games? Don't kids share these supplies?

Your child(ren) will get his/her own kit with a variety of arts and crafts supplies, sidewalk chalk, etc. It will be labeled and kept onsite. We will use soccer balls, kick balls, and similar equipment outside. They will be wiped down before and after use. Children will be required to wash their hands/use hand sanitizer after use. The 6th/7th grade group has access to playing cards, billiards, and a shuffle board in the game

room. This equipment will be sanitized before and after use. The 6th/7th graders will wash hands/use hand sanitizer after use.

Can my child bring toys, a phone, or tablet?

Your child(ren) should refrain from bringing toys and games from home. If your child(ren) bring(s) an electronic device (i.e phone or tablet), he/she may only use it during designated times and it may not be shared with other children. The City is not responsible for lost, damaged, or stolen items. Refer to the *Parent Guide* for details.

Are you going to let children drink out of water fountains this summer?

No. Water fountains inside the facility are turned off. Your child will receive a labeled water bottle to be used, taken home, washed, and brought back each day. Coolers will be onsite and staff will refill water bottles for your child(ren) as needed throughout the day. Your child(ren) may also bring his/her own reusable water bottle from home.

How will you be keeping the place clean/sanitized?

A professional porter will be on site during program hours to clean and sanitize throughout the day, paying particular attention to high touch surfaces. Summer Funshine staff will be scheduled to sanitize high touch surfaces three times per day and prior to leaving an area. Disinfectant sprays will not be used in close proximity to children during program hours. Additionally, restrooms receive a monthly disinfecting treatment consisting of deep cleaning, UVC light, and 90-day surface protectant. This treatment will take place after hours when participants are not onsite.

Will you have the children and staff wash their hands often? What about the use of hand sanitizer?

Yes, we will take handwashing breaks at least once an hour. Hand sanitizer will be readily available for all groups throughout the facility. Staff will also carry hand sanitizer with their first aid supplies to use outside of the facility as needed.

What will a typical day look like?

Upon arrival and after the COVID-19 screening has been performed, Summer Funshine participants will head to their assigned area. They will be able to visit with friends and do organized activities planned by the Summer Funshine staff members. After roll call, groups may go outside to play at Farmers Branch Park, which is located next door to The Branch Connection. The 14-acre park features athletic fields, a playground, concrete walking path, and pavilion. There is ample space for groups to spread out. On occasion, Summer Funshine will have “sprinkler and water days” at the park. After lunch, groups will likely be indoors participating in age appropriate activities such as arts and crafts, story time, and organized games. Special activities such as swimming and visiting off site parks are listed below.

Will my child be able to swim this summer? Will you have swim lessons?

Yes, each group will swim separately during non-public swim time at the Farmers Branch Aquatic Center. Because groups visit the Aquatic Center one at a time during select hours, each group will swim once a week most weeks. Groups will walk (half mile each way) to and from the Aquatic Center on swim days.

Modified Beginner Level 1 Swim Lessons will be offered to participants as needed at no charge. Lessons will begin the week of June 22 and take place the first 30 minutes of the group's swim time. Registration for swim lessons is not required. Participants will receive swim lessons based on their skill level which will be assessed by Aquatics staff. The Beginner Level Swim Lessons are for non-swimmers to help with water adjustment and basic skills. For more information about swim lessons, visit www.fbh2o.com or call the Aquatics Center at 972.919.8720.

Will you be taking the groups on field trips?

No, Summer Funshine will not attend any field trips this summer.

What will you do if a child or staff member presents symptoms of COVID-19?

If a child presents non-life threatening symptoms of COVID-19, he/she will be calmly yet immediately isolated in a separate room away from other children. The child's parent/guardian will be contacted and required to pick up their child within 60 minutes of making contact. If a child's symptoms are life threatening, staff will contact EMS and the child's parent, and follow directives given by EMS.

In all situations where a child presents COVID-19 symptoms, the child's family should have the child properly tested for the coronavirus. The child will not be permitted to return to the program until meeting CDC guidelines for re-admittance.

All Summer Funshine families will receive same-day notification that a child in the program presented COVID-19 symptoms. Families will be encouraged to closely monitor their child(ren)'s health for possible development of COVID-19 symptoms. Personal information about the child will not be shared. Staff will follow cleaning/sanitizing protocols. Program operations will continue unless otherwise directed.

If a staff member presents non-life threatening symptoms of COVID-19 he/she will be sent home immediately. If the staff member presents life threatening symptoms, EMS will be contacted and the staff member will be isolated.

In all situations where a staff member presents COVID-19 symptoms, he/she will be advised to follow protocols as outlined by the City's Human Resources Department regarding COVID-19 testing. Employees will not be permitted to return to work until meeting the CDC guidelines for returning to work.

All Summer Funshine families will receive same-day notification that a staff member presented COVID-19 symptoms. Families will be encouraged to closely monitor their child(ren)'s health for possible development of COVID-19 symptoms. Personal information about the staff member will not be shared. Staff will follow cleaning/sanitizing protocols. Program operations will continue unless otherwise directed.

What will you do if a child or staff member tests positive for the coronavirus?

Upon receiving notification of a positive test, the Recreation Center Manager will immediately contact the City's Emergency Management staff to handle contact tracing and next steps. All Summer Funshine families will receive same-day notification should a staff member or child test positive for the coronavirus. Recreation Center staff will also keep record of positive coronavirus cases affecting the Summer Funshine

Program. Personal information about the child or staff member will not be shared. Program operations will continue unless otherwise directed.

What exactly does my child need to bring each day?

Labeled backpack or bag with the following items:

Reusable water bottled

Face covering/mask

Sack lunch and drink Monday-Thursday if not participating in Grab and Go Meals. Lunch provided on Fridays

Labeled Sunscreen, swimsuit, and towel on swim or sprinkler days

Important: Label all personal items with your child’s first and last name

Is there anything else you think I should know?

The following information is the State of Texas Summer Camp Checklist for families. Please review this information prior to sending your child(ren) to Summer Funshine.

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MINIMUM STANDARD HEALTH PROTOCOLS



CHECKLIST FOR DAY YOUTH CAMP FAMILIES

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Be advised:

Youth camps may prepare to open and obtain the necessary supplies and equipment in order to follow the below health and safety protocols. At this time, day youth camps may open on May 31, 2020. These protocols may be updated based on guidance from the CDC and/or the American Academy of Pediatrics.

A note about children and COVID-19:

The virus that causes COVID-19 can infect people of all ages. While the risk of serious illness or loss of life is greatest in those 65 years of age or older with pre-existing health conditions, persons in every age group can become infected with COVID-19 and some may become seriously ill or even die.

We should all be thankful that, with rare exceptions, COVID-19 is not claiming the lives of our children. However, we can never forget that a child with a mild or even asymptomatic case of COVID-19 can spread that infection to others who may be far more vulnerable.

COVID-19 is spread from person to person through contact that is close enough to share droplets generated by coughing, sneezing, speaking, and even just breathing. COVID-19 can also be spread by touching objects where contaminated droplets have landed. Because of this easy manner of transmission, an infant, child or young person who is infected with COVID-19 can spread the infection to others they come in close contact with, such as members of their household, teachers, or other caregivers. We have learned that infected persons with mild or even no symptoms can spread COVID-19.

These facts are vitally important when considering the reopening of schools, child care centers, youth camps and other places that provide care and education for our children.

One thing is for certain: We must find reasonably safe ways to restore these services so that our children can be cared for and educated, and for their parents and guardians to be able to return to work.

For adults in the workplace or other public spaces, we are confident that if certain measures such as cloth face coverings or non-medical grade masks, respiratory etiquette, frequent hand washing / hand sanitation and environmental cleaning and sanitizing are widely observed, we can then proceed with reopening Texas in a safe and measured way.

However, such protective measures that we can expect from adults are, for a variety of reasons, simply not possible for infants, children and youth to practice in schools, child care centers, and youth camps. In some cases, the child will be too young to understand and practice these precautions. We cannot, for example, expect a group of toddlers or schoolchildren not to engage in interactive play or share toys,

All of these factors mean that while certain precautions against the spread of COVID-19 can and will be applied to schools, child care centers, and youth camps, the infection control measures that can be put in place in these settings will differ from those that are suitable for other social, business and commercial settings.

Every adult who is responsible for providing care or education for infants, children and youth in these settings must be aware of these facts and be willing to comply with the infection control measures that will be in place in these settings. Parents should monitor the health of their children and not send them to the program if they exhibit any symptom of COVID-19. They should seek COVID-19 testing promptly and report results to the program given the implications for other children, families, and staff. Individuals aged 65 or older are at a higher risk of COVID-19. Parents should protect any vulnerable persons who are members of the same household or come into frequent, close contact with infants, children and youth who attend child care centers, schools, or youth camps.

About minimum health protocols:

The following are the minimum recommended health protocols for all individuals attending a day youth camp in Texas. These minimum health protocols are not a limit on the health protocols that individuals may adopt. Individuals are encouraged to adopt additional protocols consistent with their specific needs and circumstances to help protect the health and safety of all Texans.

The virus that causes COVID-19 can be spread to others by infected persons who have few or no symptoms. Even if an infected person is only mildly ill, the people they spread it to may become seriously ill or even die, especially if that person is 65 or older with pre-existing health conditions that place them at higher risk. Because of the hidden nature of this threat, everyone should rigorously follow the practices specified in these protocols, all of which facilitate a safe and measured reopening of Texas. The virus that causes COVID-19 is still circulating in our communities. We should continue to observe practices that protect everyone, including those who are most vulnerable.

Please note, public health guidance cannot anticipate every unique situation. Individuals should stay informed and take actions based on common sense and wise judgment that will protect health and support economic revitalization.

Health protocols for day campers:

- When and if informed by the camp operator that a child at camp has tested positive for COVID-19, the parent or guardian must pickup the child within 60 minutes of notification, per Farmers Branch program policy.
- Be aware of the enhanced risks of participants being in direct contact with anyone age 65 or older for 14 days after the end of the camp session.
- Before attending, upon arrival, and at least daily while at camp, the camper should be screened for any of the following new or worsening signs or symptoms of possible COVID-19:
 - Cough
 - Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
 - Chills
 - Repeated shaking with chills
 - Muscle pain
 - Headache
 - Sore throat
 - Loss of taste or smell
 - Diarrhea
 - Feeling feverish or a measured temperature greater than or equal to 100.0 degrees Fahrenheit
 - Known close contact with a person who is lab confirmed to have COVID-19
- Wash or sanitize hands at regular intervals, including before and after every meal and activity.
- Consistent with the actions taken by many individuals across the state, consider wearing cloth face coverings (over the nose and mouth) when at camp. If available, individuals should consider wearing non-medical grade face masks.

Health protocols for parents or guardians:

- Do not visit the camp during camp sessions, except to drop-off and pick-up campers.
 - Maintain a separation of at least 6 feet from individuals not within the household during camper drop-off and pick-up.
 - Remain in the vehicle at camper drop-off and pick-up, if possible.
 - No tours of the camp at camper drop-off or pick-up.
- Campers confirmed to have COVID-19 may not return to the current camp session or other camp sessions until all three of the following criteria are met: at least 3 days (72 hours) have passed *since recovery* (resolution of fever without the use of fever-reducing medications); and the individual has *improvement in symptoms* (e.g., cough, shortness of breath); and at least 10 days have passed *since symptoms first appeared*.
- Camps should act consistent with all US State Department travel restrictions for international travel.

Health protocols for vulnerable populations:

Campers returning from a day camp should minimize in-person contact with any person 65 years of age or older, especially those with pre-existing health conditions, for a period of 14 days. This includes maintaining social distancing of at least 6 feet of separation from those individuals, wearing a face covering or mask, and avoiding sharing utensils or other common objects with those individuals.