

Fact Sheet

The COVID 19 pandemic provides new challenges to youth and families. Boys & Girls Clubs of Dumplin Valley wants to support students that are enrolled in an online virtual learning experience with their local school system. For the 2020/2021 school year, the Club will be providing the "Distance Learning @ BGC" experience.

What is Distance Learning @ BGC?

The Distance Learning @ BGC experience includes 6.5 hours of learning support, access to internet, physical activity, one meal and snack in a small setting. Current enrollment is capped at 30 youth per Club site; the ratio will be 1:15 max. Hours for Distance Learning @ BGC are Monday to Friday from 7:00 AM to 2:30PM. Between 2:30 PM-6:30 PM, the organization will offer the traditional afterschool Club experience. Distance Learning @BGC is open to any child in K-8th grade; priority will be given to current Club members.

Who can enroll in Distance Learning @ BGC?

To enroll in the Distance Learning @ BGC experience, students must already be enrolled in online school with the school system. Students must bring their own tech and curriculum materials provided by the school. If your school system moves to 100% online learning, Boys & Girls Club will reopen enrollment for new members to participate (if not at capacity).

Interest Form & Documentation

Parent/guardians must complete an online interest form to sign up for Distance Learning @ BGC. In addition, parents will need to provide the following documentation: proof of school lunch fee reduction, proof of online learning registration, current Club application and other documents as needed. Club staff will follow up with parents via phone or email to finalize enrollment in Distance Learning @ BGC. Parents/guardians cannot drop their child off to attend the program without first being contacted by the Club staff.

Dates & Attendance Policy

Distance Learning @ BGC will begin on Monday, August 10th at Jefferson County Club sites: Jefferson City, Strawberry Plains, White Pine. Distance Learning @ BGCC at the Newport Club site will begin on Monday, August 17th.

Youth participating in the Distance Learning @ BGC program are asked to attend at least 3 days per week. Parents/guardians should communicate any changes in attendance.

COVID Specific Information

BGCDV follows guidance from the CDC, daycare licensing, BGCA and local health departments; guidance is updated regularly with most up to date information.

Staff wear masks daily; Club members have the option to wear masks, but it is not mandatory. Clubs are cleaned at least every 1 ½ hour with an EPA approved cleaner. As much as possible, supplies are stored for individual use.

Facilities are limited to staff and youth only. Each day, staff and youth entering the building answer a wellness screening tool and have their temperature taken. Anyone with a temperature of 99.6 or higher cannot attend for the day. Youth/staff must be able to answer "no" to the following questions:

- 1. Have you tested positive for COVID 19?
- 2. Are you experiencing any symptoms of COVID 19? (Includes cough, shortness of breath, sore throat, new loss of taste or smell, vomiting or diarrhea in the past 24 hours)
- 3. Is someone in your household awaiting diagnosis on a test or has tested positive?

Failure to accurately and honestly answer these questions may result in removal from the program. Any youth or staff with a positive COVID test can return 10 days after symptoms appeared AND 3 days with no fever AND when respiratory symptoms have improved; individuals may also be asked to provide a release to return to school or work. In the event of a positive staff or student, the Club will close for three days to sanitize the building.

Class/School Quarantine: In the event of a positive COVID 19 individual test, a classroom or school may quarantine. The school system may move to that class to online. Students quarantining due to a positive COVID test in their classroom can not attend Distance Learning @ BGC while they are in quarantine.

The Club has a set of COVID specific procedures for review upon request.

Fee Information

BGCDV is a licensed childcare provider through the TN Department of Education. Each child attending BGCDV receives a scholarship from the organization to attend. Parents are asked to assist in paying a small portion of the total cost of services. Income based scholarships are provided to lower the cost.

For parents requesting a payment plan, balances should be paid in full monthly, unless other arrangements are made with the Club Director. Parents will be asked to sign a payment agreement.

As of August 2020, BGCDV is waving all current balances owed for Club members to support families struggling due to COVID 19. Parents with balances should see the Club Director about balance forgiveness and to set up a new payment plan.

Weekly fee information for Distance Learning @ BGC:

Cost Per	Current Member: Distance Learning Full Day
Member	Weekly Fee
Full Fee	\$45
Reduced Lunch Fee	\$30
Free Lunch Fee	\$20

	New Member: Distance Learning Full Day Weekly Payment	Cost for Each Additional Sibling Weekly Payment
Full Fee	\$45	\$30
Reduced Lunch Fee	\$35	\$20
Free Lunch Fee	\$25	\$10

Fees have been carefully calculated to provide the Distance Learning Experience @ BGC to families at the lowest possible cost. In addition, Boys & Girls Clubs is working to identify funders to lower the cost even more and will pass those savings directly on to parents.

Afterschool Only

BGCDV will continue to provide an afterschool only option to youth. The hours are Monday to Friday from 2:30 PM to 6:30 PM. Please see the Club Director at your site to enroll in the afterschool only option.

Contact Information: Jefferson County

Jefferson City Contact: Sam Fehl or Summer McCowan 865-471-0733

Strawberry Plains
Contact: Debbi Stade-Self or Tatyana Fletcher
865-898-6211

White Pine Contact: Dawn Baxley or Libby Cotner 865-761-0143

Contact Information: Cocke County

Newport: Will Marshall or Michael Omerzu 423-623-6536

Website: https://bgcdumplinvalley.org/home