

Q: Will masks need to be worn while at the program?

A: In accordance with Montgomery County and the State of MD all staff and students will be required to wear a mask at all times.

Q: Will you be doing health checks?

A: Both staff and participants will have daily temperature and wellness checks upon entry to the building.

Q: How will children be grouped in the program?

A: Children will be grouped in a classroom of up to 12 kids around the same age and grade as them. Children will remain with their group the duration of the day in their classroom or the gymnasium, playground/outside and restrooms.

Q: How many staff members will be in each room?

A: Each classroom will have two staff members, so each room will have a max 1:6 staff to student ratio and will not exceed the county/state regulation of 15 people in a group.

Q: Will staff help my child with their virtual learning?

A: Yes! Staff will assist children with their virtual learning in the same way a parent would. It will be the responsibility of the parent to communicate to the staff any important and relevant information regarding the learning.

Q: What happens during the time my child is not doing virtual learning?

A: During the time when the children are not participating in their virtual learning, other activities will be provided such as art, dance, games, sports, and outdoor play.

Q: Do I need to provide a laptop or tablet for my child?

A: Yes, families will need to provide a device for accessing their students' online learning. We ask that you bookmark any pages that your students will be using as part of their virtual learning. In addition, we also ask that you provide us with a list of passwords that may be needed during virtual learning in case anything gets logged off.

Q: Does my child need headphones?

A: Yes! Since there will be children from different classes with different teachers in one room we ask that all families supply their own headphones for children to wear while doing their virtual learning.

Q: Will you serve lunch?

A: Please send children with a snack, lunch and water bottle each day.

Q: Will children be able to use water fountains?

A: We ask that each child bring a water bottle and we will provide water refill stations to prevent the spread of any germs.

Q: How will the children be separate in their classrooms?

A: Children will be provided their own learning area that will be physically distanced from each other.

Q: Will my child see their friends in other groups?

A: Each group will be separate from each other. In order to maintain the learning pods groups will not overlap with each other in large spaces or around the Bender JCC.

Q. Will children share supplies?

A: Each child will be provided with their own supplies to remain at the program. This will include pencils, sharpeners, colored pencils, erasers, markers, glue, scissors, etc.

Q: What cleaning precautions will be taken?

A: High-touch areas such classrooms, supplies and restrooms will be cleaned in-between uses and on a constant basis. Daily morning and afternoon thorough cleanings will be done by staff.

Q: Will support be provided to accommodate children with disabilities?

A: The Bender JCC is an inclusive community. Please contact inclusion@benderjccgw.org to ensure we are able to support your child.