Exempt Emergency Childcare Program

1) Does Holyoke Boys and Girls Club have a screening process before a child can be dropped off?

A daily screening process for accepting children will be implemented where youths’ temperatures will be taken as they enter the program, at lunch and then again as the youth leave the program. If the youth has a temperature, they will not be able to come into the program. HBGC will follow all CDC guidance as it relates to the state-approved Early Education and Care Exempt Emergency Childcare Program and adhere to the set of suggested strategies and actions for preventing the spread of illness in response to Coronavirus (COVID-19).

2) What is the staff to child ratio?

The staff to youth ratio will be 1:10

3) Are lunch and snacks provided or does the parent need to supply those things?

As of right now, we are asking families to bring their own lunch and snack. We will be working with USDA to try to offer a lunch and snack daily but need to time to set that up.

4) If a lunch is brought from home, is there a microwave to heat up the food?

There is a microwave to heat food up and refrigeration is available.

5) What is the ages allowed for child care?

We will serve youth ages 5-13 years old and are approved to serve up to 40 youth.

6) What are the hours of operation?

Our hours of operation will be 7:30 AM to 5:00 PM, Monday – Friday.

7) Some children have online homework assignments while schools are closed. Is there a way for those children to do their online work?

Yes. There are computers and tablets available for use and access to the internet.

8) Are the children separated by age?

Children will be separated by age groups, as enrollment increases.

9) What kind of activities will there be?

The following activities will be offered: games room; arts & crafts; technology; gym time. We will try our best to keep your child engaged by offering a variety of activities