



**BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS**  
OF BELLEVUE

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### **Boys & Girls Clubs to Remain Open All-Day During Bellevue School District Remote Learning**

BELLEVUE – July 31 – Boys & Girls Clubs of Bellevue (BGCB) plans to remain open for full-day programming during Bellevue School District’s remote learning phase. Fall programs will begin on Tuesday, September 8, 2020. The Club has remained open throughout the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic providing a safe, fun place, with enriching programs for children and teens who need childcare.

“With BSD’s announcement of Remote Learning Start for Fall, we recognized working parents and guardians would be faced with the challenge of ensuring their children are in a safe learning environment while they work—a challenge that disproportionately affects families with low incomes,” Boys & Girls Clubs of Bellevue CEO Tim Motts explained. “Since the beginning of the pandemic, we have been committed to doing whatever it takes for those who need us most. This fall, that means running full-day programs to help close the gaps in affordable, accessible youth care and academic support these families face when schools are closed.”

The health and safety of Club members, staff, parents and volunteers is the top priority. Boys & Girls Clubs are strictly following the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and Washington’s Department of Health’s guidelines to ensure a safe and healthy environment for all participants. BGCB’s fall programs will have the following precautions in place:

- Face coverings required for all youth and staff
- Mandatory staff and child temperature check and COVID-19 screening questionnaire before entry; if any symptoms or a temperature over 100.4 degrees are present they are sent home and encouraged to contact their primary care physician and/or self-quarantine for the appropriate amount of time
- Curbside drop-off and pick-up for all youth
- Hand-washing upon arrival, before meals & snacks, and through-out transitions during the day; Hand sanitizer is also available throughout the Club
- A detailed three-step cleaning process which includes, cleaning, sanitizing and disinfecting throughout the day
- No more than one staff person and nine children in one group; Groups act as cohorts for an entire week and are never combined
- Maintaining social distancing with a six-foot radius between individuals. All tables, chairs, and furniture are spaced six feet apart.
- Individualized supply kits for each youth; shared items are sanitized after each use

Programs will be offered Monday—Friday from 8 a.m.—6 p.m. at three BGCB sites: Downtown Clubhouse (Grades K-12), Lake Hills Clubhouse (Grades 6-12), and Spiritwood Manor Clubhouse (Grades K-5). In addition to the annual \$27 Club membership, full-day programs cost \$200/week. Teens with current membership can drop-in at no additional cost from 3 p.m.—6 p.m. at the Lake Hills Clubhouse. Scholarships are available for those who qualify. Register online only at [www.bgcbellevue.org/fallprograms](http://www.bgcbellevue.org/fallprograms). Decisions about Club operations are made on a day-to-day basis and are subject to change on short notice due to the rapidly changing circumstances in response to this public health crisis. BGCB relies on city, state, and federal government officials to guide decisions as they navigate this crisis in their community.

For more information about Boys & Girls Clubs of Bellevue, visit [www.bgcbellevue.org](http://www.bgcbellevue.org).

**About Boys & Girls Clubs of Bellevue**

For nearly 70 years, Boys & Girls Clubs of Bellevue ([www.bgcbellevue.org](http://www.bgcbellevue.org)) has inspired & enabled all young people, especially those who need us most, to reach their full potential as productive, caring, and responsible citizens. BGCB's 15 Clubhouses provide a safe and fun place for more than 12,000 youth to grow and thrive each year. During critical out-of-school hours, dedicated staff deliver life-enhancing, quality programs focused on academics, health, and leadership. BGCB is doing whatever it takes to ensure all kids in Bellevue have great futures. Learn more on our Facebook page.

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