

TOWN OF HAMPDEN RECREATION DEPARTMENT
2020-2021 Hybrid Hangout Enrichment Programs
TEMPERATURE SCREENING PROCEDURES
DURING COVID-19 PANDEMIC

The following procedures¹ have been adopted by the Town of Hampden to ensure the safety of children participating in the Hampden Recreation 2020-2021 Hybrid Hangout Enrichment programs during the COVID-19 pandemic. These procedures are in effect through June 16, 2021.

1. All children wishing to participate in the Parks & Recreation 2020-2021 Hybrid Hangout Enrichment programs must undergo a daily health screening before admittance.
2. Parents/guardians must sign an authorization/waiver allowing health screenings. The authorization will specify that it is good for the entire school year, but permission is revocable by the parent at any time. See Attachment 1, Authorization/Waiver.
3. Parents/guardians shall provide a telephone number where the parent/guardian can be reached that day.
4. The health screening area shall be in the foyer or outside of the building or area where the Hybrid Hangout Enrichment programs will be held, such that it is separate from children who have already passed the screening.
 - a. The location will be partitioned off so that others need not walk within six feet of the screening area.
 - b. The screening area will be in a draft-free space and outside of direct sunlight or near radiant heat sources.
 - c. People waiting to have screening must be spread out to maintain six-foot separation.
 - d. A physical barrier such as a clear partition will be placed between staff and the arriving children and parents. Staff will stay behind the barrier but may reach around it while administering the screening.
5. A Town of Hampden employee trained using the equipment will conduct the screenings.
 - a. The Tester shall be screened daily before administering any screenings of participants.

¹ These procedures are based upon the following CDC guidelines:
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/guidance-for-childcare.html#ScreenChildren>

- b. The Tester shall wash hands or use sanitizer before donning protective equipment.
 - c. The Tester shall avoid physical contact if possible.
6. Health screenings will be conducted using a no-contact infrared thermometer unit.² If the infrared thermometer is not working, a forehead thermometer may be used.
- a. If a no-contact thermometer unit is used, the Tester shall wear gloves and ensure that the Tester's face remains behind the partition at all times. The Tester may also wear a facemask and smock. Gloves shall be changed after any contact, but need not be changed if there is no contact during a screening.
 - b. If a forehead thermometer unit is used, the Tester shall wear a facemask, gloves, and smock while taking readings. Gloves must be changed after each screening.
 - c. All equipment shall be disinfected after each use with an alcohol wipe.
 - d. The Tester shall follow any manufacturer's directions specific to the thermometer unit.
 - e. The thermometer unit shall be placed in the testing environment for 30-minutes prior to use to adjust to the environment.
 - f. The Tester shall ensure that children being screened are calm and have not recently been engaged in activity that would artificially impact the reading, such as prolonged standing in the sun, running around, or wearing heavy clothing. Note that using facial cleaning products before a reading may artificially reduce temperature. If necessary, the Tester should have a child sit quietly in the shade until the child is calm and breathing at a normal rate.
 - g. The Tester shall ask the parent/guardian:
 - i. if the child has had a persistent cough, shortness of breath, or has had a fever in the past 24 hours;
 - ii. if any other person residing in the household has had a persistent cough, shortness of breath, or has had a fever in the past 24 hours;
 - iii. if the child has had any medication to reduce fever in the past six (6) hours;
 - iv. if the child has been in close proximity with anyone suspected of having or confirmed as having COVID-19 in the past fourteen (14) days.

² Information regarding infrared thermometers: <https://www.fda.gov/medical-devices/general-hospital-devices-and-supplies/non-contact-infrared-thermometers>

- h. The Tester shall make a visual inspection of the child for signs of illness (flushed cheeks/rapid or difficulty breathing when the child is calm, fatigue, extreme fussiness).
 - i. Readings shall be taken on an unobstructed area of the child's forehead. The test area must be clean and dry.
 - j. The unit should be held perpendicular to the forehead. Check the unit for the required distance between the subject and the unit.
7. Readings are taken on a pass/fail basis. Temperatures will not be recorded.
- a. A reading of 99.5°F or below is considered normal and constitutes a passing reading³ and the child may be admitted to the Hybrid Hangout Enrichment programs.
 - b. If a reading is above 99.5°F, the parent/guardian shall be notified of the failing reading and neither the child, parent, or any sibling may enter the Hybrid Hangout Enrichment programs that day.
 - c. If the parent/guardian indicates that the child has had a fever (a reading over 99.5°F) within the past 24-hours, neither the child, parent, or any sibling may enter the Hybrid Hangout Enrichment programs that day.
 - d. If the parent/guardian denies symptoms but the child appears ill (flushed cheeks/rapid or difficulty breathing when the child is calm, fatigue, extreme fussiness), the child may not be admitted that day but siblings that pass the health screening may be admitted to the Hybrid Hangout Enrichment Programs.
8. If a child passes the health screening but later seems ill, the child shall be isolated from the other children and rescreened.
- a. If the child does not pass the temperature screening, the parent/guardian shall be required to pick up the child.
 - b. If the child passes the temperature screening, whether to require the parent to pick up the child will be in the Director's discretion and the decision will be made on a case by case basis.
9. If a child does not pass a health screening because of fever, whether initial or one done later in the day in response to the child not feeling well, the child and any siblings will not be allowed to return to the Hybrid Hangout Enrichment programs until the child has been fever-free for 24-hours without the assistance of fever-reducing medications.

³ Information regarding normal temperature range for children: <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC2819918/>. The CDC indicates that a temperature of 100.4°F is consistent with a COVID-19 infection.

Attachment 1

**Town of Hampden Recreation Department
2020-2021 Hybrid Hangout Enrichment Program
Authorization/Waiver**

1. I, _____ (print name of parent/guardian), the parent or legal guardian of the participating child indicated below (the “Child”), hereby grant permission to the Town of Hampden to perform a health screening, including taking the temperature of, the Child for the purpose of screening the Child for illness, including but not limited to COVID-19, in order to participate in the Hampden Recreation 2020-2021 Hybrid Hangout Enrichment programs. This permission allows screening on a daily basis and it extends to retesting the Child later in the day when I am not present. I understand that readings will not be recorded.

2. Participation in this activity may involve risk of injury or death. Furthermore, I understand that participating may involve contact with other participants and staff. While the Town of Hampden is endeavoring to prevent accidental exposure of participants to people who are infected with COVID-19 through health screenings, I acknowledge that such screenings may not be 100% effective. I am aware of these hazards and I, for myself and my Child, voluntarily assume the risks associated with participation.

In registering for participation in Town of Hampden program(s) and in consideration for being allowed to participate, I, for myself and my Child, hereby waive and release all rights and claims against the Town of Hampden, its officers, employees, agents, volunteers and supervisors from all losses, injury, illness, damages, fees and other expenses arising out of, or in connection with participation in the registered activity.

In addition, I give my consent for the Hampden Recreation Department Staff to act in my place in all respects should the need arise during the course of this activity or related travel. This shall include but not be limited to obtaining medical care.

3. This Authorization is valid through June 16, 2021, although Paragraph 1 may be revoked at any time. I understand that if I revoke this Authorization, the Child will no longer be able to participate in the Hybrid Hangout Enrichment programs. Paragraph 2 is irrevocable for those dates where the Child participated in the Hybrid Hangout Enrichment programs.

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature

Printed Name of Participating Child