

Sick Child Policy

Kid's Corner directs its sick policy toward the well-being and the concern of the children placed in our care. The following guidelines will help determine if your child should sign-in for our child watch services.

The YMCA asks that parents keep their children at home, if within the last twenty-four hours he/she has:

- Thick yellow/green nasal discharge
- Fever of at least 100.4
- Vomiting, diarrhea, or abdominal pain
- New onset of severe headache, especially with a fever
- Contagious rash
- One or more symptoms of the following illnesses: COVID-19, chicken pox, conjunctivitis, head lice, impetigo, persistent cough, ringworm, scabies, strep throat, tuberculosis, mumps, rubella, hepatitis viral, meningitis or swine flu.

If your child has recently had a contagious illness or has an allergy, please inform one of our Child Watch Staff. **For the safety of others, our staff reserves the right to turn away any child that exhibits symptoms of illness.**

Behavior Management Plan

Our policies and procedures for the Y's Child Watch Services are based on the safety and respect for ourselves and others, both personal and property. Older children are encouraged to work out minor disputes by themselves according to their abilities. Potentially major disruptions are taken care of quickly by Child Watch Staff.

To ensure the safety and protection of others, please take a moment to review these rules:

- Intentional displays of aggression toward others will require quiet time.
- Child Watch Staff will inform parents if inappropriate behavior continues.

Goals

It is our goal to provide a safe and caring environment for the children entrusted in our care. The YMCA believes your child should feel secure and comfortable in the care of our Child Watch Staff. We encourage parents to take a few moments to acclimate their children to the Kid's Corner environment. If a child is left that cannot be calmed within a short period of time (usually fifteen minutes), the parents will be located.



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Child Watch Services

YMCA OF SOUTHERN WEST VIRGINIA



Welcome...

Welcome to the YMCA of Southern West Virginia's Child Watch Services at Kid's Corner! Please read and review this handbook carefully. The enclosed information details the policies and procedures for this FREE service available to our family membership holders. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask. Our Child Watch Staff are available to make this experience as enjoyable as possible for your child.

Child Watch All-Stars

Hours of Operation

Monday-Friday

8:30am to 12:00pm

4:30pm to 7:30pm

Saturday

9:00am to 12:00pm

Eligible Ages

Our child watch services are for children two months to eight years of age.

Parent Requirement

Parents are asked to take your child to the bathroom before checking in to Kid's Corner. Parents must remain on-site at the facility for the duration of their child's time in Kid's Corner.

Time Limit

There is a **90 minute maximum** time limit for each child signed-in.

Remember...

Our child watch services are simply supervised play time for your child while you work out, and should not, in any manner, be considered a licensed day care or preschool enrichment program.

Policies & Procedures

1. Staff to child ratio is 2:10. Kid's Corner capacity is 10 children at any one time. However, our Staff reserves the right to reduce ratio if infants are checked-in.
2. Child watch services are available on a first come, first serve basis.
3. You may be asked for your membership card when signing-in your child. Please have it handy in the event you need to present it.
4. Sick children are not permitted in Kid's Corner. Please see our sick child policy for more information.
5. Parents may only sign-in the child listed on their family membership. Friends, relatives or other children in personal care are not eligible for child watch services.
6. All children are required to be signed in and out of Kid's Corner. Only the parent that signs the child in may sign the child out.
7. Parents are asked to bring their child into Kid's Corner wearing a clean, dry diaper. Child Watch Staff will notify parents if their child needs to be changed or has to go to the bathroom.
8. Sometimes children experience separation anxiety after being checked in to Kid's Corner. If your child remains upset for fifteen minutes, we will ask the parents to come to Kid's Corner to comfort your child and try another day.
9. Children are required to wear appropriate foot wear at all times. Please label all bags and belongings.
10. Due to the volume of children we supervise each day, we ask that infants are fed PRIOR to their visit. Older children may bring a snack and a drink. All food and drink items must be labeled with the child's first and last name. NOTE: Nuts or nut products, hard candy and popcorn are not permitted in Kid's Corner.