

SEASPAR Return to In-Person Programming Eligibility

As we transition into Phase 4 Restore Illinois plan, we are anxious to offer/provide limited face to face programs. It is imperative we take every precaution and preventative measure to keep our participants and staff safe, with proper routine of hygiene and avoid the spread of COVID –19 to anyone.

For the remainder of 2020 SEASPAR will be evaluating in-person program opportunities and will provide program information and registration periods in place of seasonal guides and registration periods. The first session of in-person programming will run from July 20 – August 14 and will supplement the current virtual programs, which will continue throughout the year.

As we prepare to return to in-person programming, we have established new eligibility and safety guidelines for staff and participants. Participants interested in registering for in-person programming will be required to complete an assessment to determine eligibility. Once the assessment is submitted, staff will review the assessment, pair it with recent experience with the participant (if any), and call families to ask any additional questions staff may have and ultimately to let them know the outcome. As always, evaluations of reasonable accommodations are made on a case-by-case basis to ensure that SEASPAR has as much information as possible about the specifics of the request being made, and SEASPAR retains the right at all times to re-evaluate participation when a situation is creating a direct threat of safety.

To determine eligibility for programs beginning July 20, a Participant Assessment must be completed, prior to registration. The registration deadline for in-person programming closes July 15.

Participant Eligibility

- Ability to maintain a 6 foot physical distance from other participants and staff
- Ability to properly put on, wear, and take off a face covering when necessary, for the duration of the program
- Independent personal care (i.e. hygiene, toileting, feeding)
- Participate with visual and verbal prompting within a ratio of one staff to four participants
- Ability to follow the SEASPAR Code of Conduct and other pre-determined guidelines

Wellness Questionnaire

As part of the registration process participants and/or caregivers are committing to the guidelines set forth by CDC and the Illinois Department Public Health (IDPH). Prior to program, participants/caregivers will be asked to review the Wellness Questionnaire. The same questions will be asked upon arrival to the program.

- Does the participant have a temperature of 100.4 or higher?
- Is the participant experiencing any of the following conditions:
 - Cough or upper respiratory pressure?
 - Muscle aches?
 - Shortness of breath?
 - Sore throat?
 - Been experiencing diarrhea?
 - Has participant been exposed to anyone who has tested positive to COVID-19? How recent? More recent than 30 days?
 - Anyone in your household experiencing symptoms/sick?

The answer to all the above should be NO. They can then proceed.

Although recreation programs always have an inherent risk, SEASPAR has taken several measures to promote safety and wellness in our programs.

- Program capacity will be a maximum of 15 individuals inclusive of staff and participants.
- Participants and staff must perform the Wellness Questionnaire at home every day prior to arrival at program. The Wellness Questionnaire will again be provided upon arrival at the program location.
- Face coverings must be worn by participants and staff at all times. The only exception to this is when the program is outside, and staff and participants can maintain physical distancing of at least 6 feet.
- Participants must provide their own face covering.
- Staff will develop a pick-up and drop off system for each program to ensure proper physical distancing. Parents and caregivers must wear face coverings and stay in their vehicle when dropping off and picking up participants.
- Participants must adhere to a strict hand washing schedule.
- Staff will clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces (table tops, door handles, etc.) before and after activities and in between uses of different individuals.
- Participants will be provided a supply kit to limit the need for sharing.
- Toys and learning tools not able to be sanitized will not be used.
- The use of playground equipment is not currently permitted.
- SEASPAR will take measures to promote 6 foot physical distancing like seat assignments, outdoor activities, barriers, and traffic flow patterns.
- Participants and staff displaying symptoms of illness during the program will be removed from the group, and an approved adult will be required to pick them up within 30 minutes of notification. Participants will be supervised by staff while removed from the group. Participants will be required to have multiple emergency contacts to ensure that someone is available to pick them up if the need arises.
- Participants who have been exposed in close contact to someone with confirmed COVID-19 may only return to program after it has been 14 days from the time of the exposure.
- Participants diagnosed with or exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19 may only return to program after it has been 10 days from the time they have experienced symptoms, do not have a fever for 3 days (without taking medication to reduce fever), and have improvement in their respiratory symptoms (cough, shortness of breath). Alternately a participant may return to program after 2 negative COVID-19 tests in a row, with testing done 24 hours apart.
- If participants have illnesses like allergies, or other non-contagious conditions that may appear similar to a contagious illness, a note from a physician stating they are not contagious is required prior to attending program.
- To protect your participant and those they interact with, participants that do not adhere to program rules and the above guidelines may be removed from the program.