

# GUIDELINES

CDC / Licensing Guidance

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Following CDC and licensing requirements provides a safe, healthy, and nurturing environment for youth.



Review requirements and best practices frequently. If a program does not meet the requirements, modification may need to occur for program space, practices, or policies to be in compliance.



Connecticut child care licensing regulations exist to help keep youth and staff safe. Safety should be our top priority with the families we serve, and should be a part of every decision made for your program. Following the licensing rules and requirements is a vital part of providing a high quality program, as well as following additional guidelines, procedures, and protocols for your specific program.

- Check All Licensing Requirements
- Make modifications to Programming to adhere to all requirements if needed
- Regularly review updates on guidelines from the CDC as they are released

## Center for Disease Control and Prevention

Guidance on whether or not you should open up, disinfecting strategies, and social distancing for child cares can be found on this website.

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/index.html>

## Child Care and COVID-19 Frequently Asked Questions for Providers

A collection of answers to Frequently Asked Questions provided by the Connecticut Office of Early Childhood: <https://www.ctoec.org/covid-19/>

## Connecticut Office of Early Childhood Child Care COVID-19 Guidance

Child Care Guidance Released May 29th:

<https://www.ctoec.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/OEC-COVID-19-Guidance-for-Child-Care-2020-06-10.pdf>

# RESOURCES

## American Camp Association Summer Planning Guide

The American Camp Association (ACA) and the YMCA of the USA (Y-USA) are engaged together to provide educational resources to both day and overnight camps, state and local health departments, and parents/guardians and campers regarding the safe operation of summer programs and camps.

<https://www.acacamps.org/resource-library/coronavirus/camp-business/camp-operations-guide-summer-2020>

## CDC Considerations for Youth and Summer Camps

As some communities in the United States begin to convene youth camps, CDC offers the following considerations for ways in which camp administrators can help protect campers, staff, and communities, and slow the spread of COVID-19.

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/summer-camps.html>

## CDC Decision Tree

The CDC has provided a simple decision tree to guide you assess your preparedness to open.

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/Camps-Decision-Tree.pdf>

## Connecticut After School Network Summer Planning Q and A:

Pre-recorded Summer Planning Roundtable:

<https://ctafterschoolnetwork.box.com/s/ho9su7uz32s5xsftxqk0warmeuiocvyd>

Questions and Answers from the field: [https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1YkQWzg-oP0kRoTPBGtVgy\\_q863A-8al8kaFZwVo-7MU/edit?ts=5ec9262d#gid=0](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1YkQWzg-oP0kRoTPBGtVgy_q863A-8al8kaFZwVo-7MU/edit?ts=5ec9262d#gid=0)



### Found in the Quality Tool

The Connecticut Program Quality Self Assessment Tool addresses Safety at length.

For safety Best Practices look at "Program Element 5: Safety" section of the Quality Tool,

<http://ctafterschoolnetwork.org/program-quality-tools/>