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BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF KING COUNTY ANNOUNCES EXTENDED PROGRAMS BENEFITS FOR ACTIVITIES OCCUPATION WORKERS

SEATTLE – Boys & Girls Clubs of King County announces additional support through extended programming benefits for those in the trenches caring for the community. Families who work in these occupations, and who have no alternatives for youth care during the CV-19 health crisis in the Greater Seattle area, can attend any of the open Clubs for a joining fee of \$50. The organization is waiving the daily cost of \$25 per person for these workers until school districts reopen.

Occupation workers are identified by Washington state as essential activities occupations during the Coronavirus outbreak and include:

- First Responders and Public Safety Personnel (e.g., Police, Firefighters, Emergency Dispatchers, Department of Corrections)
- Public Health and Safety (e.g., Metro Bus Drivers, Sanitation Services, Utilities, Public Health Employees)
- Healthcare Workers
- Grocery Stores, Pharmacies, Convenience Stores, Gas Stations, Pet Stores, Laundromats, and Bank Workers
- Day Care and Child Care Workers

Open Clubs offering extended programming:

1. [Bainbridge Island](#)
2. [Sammamish](#)
3. [North Seattle](#)
4. [Wallingford](#)
5. [Ballard](#)
6. [View Ridge](#)
7. [Kirkland](#)
8. [Rotary](#)
9. [Smilow Rainier Vista](#)
10. [Mercer Island](#)
11. [Federal Way 8th](#)
12. [Southwest](#)
13. [Renton-Skyway Club](#)

“This is an exceptionally challenging time for our community as a whole. We want to ensure that people on the front lines have their child care needs taken care of, so that they can continue to do their critical work helping our community fight this virus. They deserve additional support,” explained Boys & Girls Clubs of King County’s President & CEO, **Laurie Black**.

While there are no signs of the virus at the Clubs, the organization is following the guidelines from Governor Inslee’s office, King County Board of Health, Department of Children, Youth, and Families, the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction, and the Public Health Guidance for Childcare under which Clubs fall.

Along with previously instituted additional sanitation and cleaning procedures the Clubs conduct health screenings for everyone entering, including:

- Asking at drop off if the individual was in contact with anyone with a confirmed case of the Coronavirus, or if they are awaiting test results from the last 14 days.
 - If the answer is yes, the youth is unable to attend, or the staff person is unable to return to work until after the quarantine period has elapsed.

Requiring kids and staff to wash their hands thoroughly upon arrival at the Club, before eating meals or snacks, and throughout the day.

Checking everyone's temperature upon entry. If a person's temperature is over 100 degrees, staff or youth will be sent home and encouraged to contact their primary care provider.

A daily updated list of Clubs and FAQs is at www.positiveplace.org/extendedprograms.

"We want to give back to everyone in our community who are doing so much to keep us all healthy and safe," Black indicated.

Families who are not in activities occupations and are not currently Club members can still join, and receive extended programming care for a small fee. There's no additional fee to current youth and teen Club members. New members will be responsible for paying the \$50 membership fee and \$25 daily fee. New teen members will only pay the \$50 membership fee.

About Boys & Girls Clubs of King County

Boys & Girls Clubs of King County is a leader in youth development, providing a safe, affordable place for kids and teens during critical out-of-school time. The Clubs offer life-changing programs and services over 2,000 youth each day throughout the greater Seattle area.

As one of the largest Boys & Girls Club organizations in the United States, the organization enjoys a rich 77-year history serving King County youth.

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