

May 22, 2020

Dear Day Camp Families;

Union City Community & Recreation Services (CRS) has been closely monitoring the status of the Alameda County's Stay-At-Home mandate during the COVID-19 pandemic. As you are all aware, the circumstances surrounding the situation are constantly changing with new guidelines being issued on a sporadic basis. With school ending shortly and summer programs are scheduled to begin starting June 8, CRS has made the following decisions to move forward.

Starting Tuesday, May 26, 2020:

- All CRS Day Camps, Mini camps and extended care scheduled for **June 8 – July 2** are being cancelled and fees paid for those specific weeks are fully refundable. See details below.
- CRS is opening a Summer Childcare program in place of the cancelled Day Camps for essential workers and employees of essential businesses who need childcare in order to return to work. Summer Childcare is offered as a 4-week session from **Monday, June 8 to Thursday, July 2, 2020, 8 am - 5 pm at Kennedy Park** in Union City. More information about Summer Childcare is available at www.Unioncity.org/reg. We realize that this may not solve your childcare needs, but under the current situation we can only serve a limited number of children to adhere to the current requirements and maintain a safe environment for participants and staff.

Per the Alameda County Guidelines, this program must adhere to the following guidelines:

1. Children must be in stable groups of 12 or fewer children ("stable" means that the same 12 or fewer children are in the same group each day).
2. Children shall not change from one group to another. The group should remain stable for at **least four weeks**. In other words, children should not change groups from week to week.
3. If more than one group of children is at one facility, each group shall be in a separate room. Groups shall not mix with each other.
4. Providers or educators shall remain solely with one group of children.
5. Facilities must follow standard guidelines to prevent spread of infection, such as social distancing when it is feasible in a childcare setting, more intensive infection control measures – such as health screenings, more frequent handwashing, and surface cleaning.

Space is limited, and priority is being given to essential workers (as defined by the current state and county order) and then to those who participated in early summer camp registration. Parents who are non-essential workers or who missed early registration can request to be wait-listed if additional space is available after June 1. **Please note that registration is only available through email to HollyCenter@unioncity.org and will be processed by program priority and first come basis.**

- If you have registered and paid for day camps scheduled between June 8 – July 2, your Rec1 account will be fully credited for the amount paid. **Starting June 1**, if you wish to have a refund check processed, please email UCCARES@unioncity.org. Include "Camp Refund Request" in subject line and request refund for cancelled June day camps by including your child/ren names, the parent name, email and phone contact information. At this point we are only refunding for cancelled camps scheduled for June. CRS will reevaluate the county guidelines and program options mid-June and send an update out to all families registered for the remainder of summer.

An updated Summer Activity Guide will be published online starting June 1 reflecting these changes and others made to the department's summer programming. New virtual camps and activities are regularly being added to the Union City Virtual Community Center and as county restrictions change, staff will continue to add more programs and activities as summer progresses.

Thank you for your patience and continued support!
Union City Community & Recreation Services

