

## Resuming Group-Based Programming

*The following is to provide guidance on how to safely implement in-person group-based programming, in light of COVID-19.*

1. Purchase supplies like a thermometer, masks, hand sanitizer, and disinfectant cleaners for group
2. Develop and submit a program safety plan that encompasses each of the following protocols:
  - Transportation protocol for youth being transported to and from group.
    - Temperatures of youth and transportation staff are taken
    - Establish temperature threshold for transportation staff and youth to not be permitted on the van
    - Document temperatures for youth and transportation staff each group
    - Screening assessment questionnaire utilized and signed by youth for each group
    - Decide if youth will be required to wear masks on van
    - Transporting smaller groups of youth to group
    - Maintain social distancing guidelines on the van
    - Sanitize the van prior to picking youth up and after dropping them off at home
  - Group safety protocol
    - Temperatures of facilitators and any other staff present are taken
    - Establish temperature threshold for staff to not be permitted in the group room
    - Document temperature for facilitators each group
    - Maintain social distancing guidelines in the group room
    - Decide if youth will be required to wear masks during group
    - No book bags or other personal items allowed in group room
    - Youth should be given their own pen/pencil to use each group
    - Attendance should be taken by a facilitator
    - All snacks, drinks, and incentives should be individually wrapped and handled by facilitators
    - Staff should sanitize hands before handing youth any handouts, snacks, drinks, etc.
    - Individual bathroom breaks
    - Sanitizing the group room before and after group
  - Graduation ceremony protocol
    - Maintain social distancing guidelines at ceremony
    - Only youth and programmatic staff should be present at graduation
    - Allow parents/guardians and court staff to attend virtually
    - Food should be served in individual containers prepared ahead of time by staff
3. Create and disperse an updated cohort schedule to staff, youth, and parents/guardians
4. Review safety protocol and expectations with each youth and parent/guardian
5. Obtain consent from each parent/guardian for youth to attend group