

COVID-19 Match Outing Guidelines

Standard 9: Child Safety and Youth Protection Guidelines

The following safety guidelines were designed to complement the existing Program Procedures and protect program participants from harm, identify potential areas of risk, and define ways to minimize liability.

All match participants (i.e. volunteers, parents/guardians, and youth) are expected to follow these guidelines while matched within the BBBS program. All matches must follow CDC guidelines for the duration of face-to-face meetings until the pandemic infection rate has declined and/or maintained at a level the CDC does not define as pandemic. Please contact us at (608) 661-5437 with any questions or concerns.

Temporary Procedure Addendum for Match Outings in Response to lift of Dane County's Safer at Home order Effective March 26, 2020 through June 30, 2020 with possibility for extension

1. Parents/Guardians and Bigs MUST agree that they are comfortable meeting in person before EVERY outing and must commit to reviewing all guidelines BEFORE meeting.
2. Matches understand that agreement to face-to-face outings may be withdrawn by either party temporarily if either party does not feel it is safe.
3. If parents/guardians, Littles, or Bigs have an underlying medical condition that will impact the viability of the match relationship ongoing, they must notify BBBS and, as appropriate/as they are comfortable, the other parties in the match relationship.
4. Matches will notify your Match Support Specialist if they or members of their family have [symptoms of COVID-19](#). Also, matches cannot meet if there has been a known fever, a persistent cough, and/or any other COVID-19 symptoms in the house and not for at least two weeks following onset of symptoms.
5. Matches will notify your Match Support Specialist if they have had any exposure to someone (family member, friend, coworker) diagnosed with COVID-19, this person's date of diagnosis, and the date the match party last had contact with the diagnosed party.
6. Matches with participants that have traveled commercially (i.e. plane, bus, train) must not meet for at least two weeks following.
7. All match participants must wear a mask for face-to-face outings. If the Little does not have a mask and needs one, Big will be asked to provide one. If you need help to locate/find masks for Big or Little, please speak to your Match Support Specialist to find out more information.

8. Bigs should have hand sanitizer, hand sanitizing wipes, or other hand washing equipment on outings.
9. Bigs/Littles must wash hands after contact with public surfaces, and before and after contact with their face.
10. We recommend outdoor activities or activities in spaces with high ventilation. Bigs and Littles should not enter into one another's homes during this time.
11. Bigs should limit transport to short distances and masks should be worn during the entire transport period since 6-feet of separation is not possible. Bigs must take reasonable steps to disinfect surfaces before and after transporting their Littles in their car - such as wiping or spraying handles, dashboards, seatbelts, etc.
12. Bigs should not take Littles to venues where congestion is likely to take place, to places where 6 feet of distance between individuals cannot be maintained consistently, or to any place not explicitly approved by the parent/guardian.
13. Match should continue to avoid physical contact as much as possible.
14. Overnight visits will not be permitted at this time.
15. Receiving a negative COVID-19 test does not exempt individuals from complying with this policy since contraction of the virus can take place following a negative test.

Unless BBBS issues additional recommendations, these guidelines will remain in place through June 30, 2020. At any time, BBBS may temporarily renew face to face meeting prohibition. Matches attest to understanding that BBBS may modify its policies at any time and will communicate changes through several methods when doing so.

I have read, understand, and will abide by the above guidelines and procedures:

Little Signature/Date

Parent/Guardian Signature/Date

Big Signature/Date