

**COVID Best Practices Guidelines as mandated and recommended by the Reopening New York program:**

“Ensure employee and student groupings are as static as possible by having the same group of students stay with the same staff whenever and wherever possible.”

“Prohibit non-essential visitors on site, to the extent possible.”

“Limit the sharing of objects and discourage touching of shared surfaces; or, when in contact with shared objects or frequently touched areas, require employees to wear gloves; or, require employees and students to practice hand hygiene before and after contact.”

“Discourage excursions away from programs (e.g. field trips).” The Y will offer no field trips.

“Employees and students must perform hand hygiene immediately upon entering the program (wash hands/hand sanitizer).”

“Require staff and children to practice hygiene in the following instances: Upon arrival to the first program activity; between all program activities; after using the restroom; before eating and before departing the last program activity.”

“Instruct parents/guardians to keep sick children home.”

“In the event that a parent/guardian of a child must be isolated because they have tested positive for, or exhibited symptoms of, COVID-19, the parent/guardian must be advised that they cannot enter the site for any reason, including picking up their child. As a ‘close contact’ the child must not return to the program for the duration of the quarantine. Staff will walk out the child to the parent/guardian at the boundary of, or outside, the premises..”

Please contact the Senior Youth Development Director, Rachael Jackson with any questions: [rjackson@ithacaymca.com](mailto:rjackson@ithacaymca.com); 607-882-9466

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Before & After School Programs



**2020-2021**

**School Age Child Care Program**

***Groton Elementary School***

**November 30, 2020-February 12, 2021**

***YMCA of Ithaca & Tompkins County***

## WHAT YOUR KIDS DO AT BEFORE/AFTER SCHOOL IS AS IMPORTANT AS WHAT THEY DO AT SCHOOL

to supplementing what they have learned in school, they participate in interactive learning models that engage critical thinking skills, receive help with their homework from trained YMCA staff, safely socialize, and form lasting friendships that enhance their development, growth and self-confidence.

Our curriculum is based on a program model that focuses on learning enhancement—health and recreation— which builds competence and confidence in children. The program runs every regular school day in a supervised and structured environment, providing a safe before-school, after-school or wraparound care alternative for children. Moving our cause forward, we are increasing our impact in the fight against food insecurity. We will be offering a snack in compliance with Y Healthy Food & with the support of CACFP.

**Dept of Social Services reimbursements are accepted: Please note that in the case of child absence, the parent will be subject to pay any fees associated with the missed day, as DSS will not cover absences.**

**FEES AND PAYMENTS:** Fees are based on a program operating November 30– February 12, 5 days per week only. For the convenience of the parent/guardian, payment have been broken down into weekly segments. Each weekly payment will be expected on each Monday or the first day of each week. The child will be suspended if payment is not received by end of day on Tuesday. An ensuing 10-week program schedule (or the time frame designated by the school) will be available for registration 2 weeks prior to the program start. Children previously enrolled in the previous 11-week program period will not require a \$100 down payment, and will receive priority in the ensuing session.

At the time of registration, there will be a \$100 non-refundable deposit (per registered child) which will be credited towards the first week's payment. Registration spaces paid for are effective for the first week attended in the 11-week period. There is no withdrawal of children in this program. The 11-week program is developed to follow the academic year schedule. If the child is withdrawn before attending the program the deposit will not be refunded for any reason.

Dec. 24-Jan 1 is a week off of school and no payment is needed; the week of December 21 will be prorated for the 3-day week.

If there is a Covid-related illness, the Y will require a doctor's note with diagnosis, and the protocol for per the CDC and Depts of Health will prevail. The Y will ensure that the registered space for this child will be retained during the illness absence period.

**For more information, contact the YMCA Sr. Youth Development Director, Rachael Jackson, at [rjackson@ithacaymca.com](mailto:rjackson@ithacaymca.com) or 607-882-9466.**

When children enter an Ithaca YMCA SACC program, a whole new world of imagination and growth opens up to them in a **safe, engaging environment**. Even while practicing safety protocols, children can have fun and learn. In addition

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### Off-Site After School & Wrap Around Care Programs:

**Pre-K & Kindergarten: Ages 3 to 5**  
**Elementary: Ages 1st Grade to 12 years**

**Activities:** Games and sports, reading and literacy, arts and crafts, homework assistance, outdoor recreation, STEM projects, and character development activities, according to YMCA best practices.

### Weekly SACC Fees (per child):

2:15-5:30 p.m. only - \$120 per week

11:00-2:15 p.m. only - \$120 per week

11:00-5:30 p.m. - \$160 per week

**A \$10 discount applicable for families with an Ithaca YMCA membership.**



Fees do not change due to school closings, early dismissals, school vacations, or parent/teacher conferences.

With the unexpected and unfortunate extended closing of the Y due to the Covid pandemic, the Y is unable to provide scholarship subsidies at the current time.

#### What parents and guardians are saying:

"The Y Leaders are positive people who genuinely care about the children and make their after school time fun!"

"My daughter loves the Y staff and all the friends she has made. She has become more outspoken and always finishes her homework on time."