

Agency Response to COVID19
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We do allow in-person meetings between Bigs and Littles and encourage you to follow the guidelines listed below. The health and safety of all of those involved is of the utmost importance, and each Big, Little, and Parent/Guardian must be comfortable with any in-person visits.

For Bigs, Littles, and Parents/Guardians who would like to conduct an in-person visit, we strongly suggest that you follow these guidelines for the time being:

Decision to Meet – The Big, Little, and Parent/Guardian must all be comfortable seeing each other in-person. If you are not comfortable with an in-person meeting right now, we completely support that decision and encourage you to continue connecting virtually. Matches understand that agreement to in-person meetings may be withdrawn by either party temporarily if either party does not feel it is safe.

Location of Meeting – Bigs should not take Littles to places where 6 feet of distance between individuals cannot be maintained consistently, or to any place not explicitly approved by the parent/guardian. We strongly encourage outdoor activities.

Transportation – Please limit transport to short distances and we encourage masks to be worn during the entire transport period since 6-feet of separation is not possible. Bigs should take reasonable steps to disinfect surfaces before and after transporting their Littles wiping or spraying handles, dashboards, seatbelts, booster seats, etc.

Protective Measures – We encourage all match parties to follow CDC guidelines. **If masks or sanitizer are needed, please contact your Match Specialist (we can do contactless pick up outside our YMCA doors.)** Please wash and sanitize hands before and after the visit. We encourage Bigs to have hand sanitizer, hand sanitizing wipes, or other hand washing equipment on outings. Bigs/Littles should wash hands after contact with public surfaces, and before and after contact with their face. We encourage Bigs and Littles to wear masks when in public indoor places especially in businesses still requiring masks.

Guidelines if not Vaccinated

We do not recommend in-person visits, if anyone living in either home: is considered to be at higher risk for severe illness from COVID-19; has been diagnosed with COVID-19, have symptoms of COVID-19, or have had any exposure to someone (family member, friend, coworker) diagnosed with COVID-19, has a fever, is sick with a cough or cold, or does not feel well for any reason.



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BBBS of Central Wisconsin will continue to follow the CDC guidelines as issued and strongly encourage those associated with Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Wisconsin to do the same. As always, your Match Specialist is available should you have any questions or concerns. We encourage you to make the best decisions for you and your family, stay informed, and continue to follow the Center for Disease Control's recommendations for preventing the spread of illness. <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>