

NORTH CAROLINA YOUTH FIRE ACADEMY

Dear Parents & Fire Departments,

We received inquiries about if and how the pandemic will affect the **North Carolina Youth Fire Academy**. Know that our primary concern is the safety of youths. We realize that this pandemic has been stressful for many, but we also recognize that personally interacting and socializing with peers can be a healthy way for youths to cope with this stress.

Below are listed a summary of actions we are taking to lower risks as much as possible.

- **Cleaning** — Increasing cleaning practices by disinfecting frequently touched surfaces and shared objects within the facility and premises.
- **Disposable Supplies** — Using disposable dishes and utensils, pre-packaged food, providing protective supplies to students, and keeping students' personal belongings separated from others as much as possible.
- **Hygiene Practices** — Promoting hand washing with soap & water, providing students with alcohol-based hand sanitizer when soap & water is not readily accessible, and encouraging participants to cover their coughs and sneezes.
- **Face Coverings** — Requesting everyone wear a cloth face covering as feasible, and when socially distancing is difficult.
- **Social Distancing** — Keeping the Academy students split into smaller groups and spacing them out whenever possible.
- **Withdraw** — Anyone—including staff, students, and families—who is sick, or recently exposed to someone with COVID-19 should not travel to the Academy.
- **Isolation** — If students get sick at the Academy, we have a designated area where they can rest, and safely isolate from others. We will communicate with parents and arrange for transportation of the child to a healthcare facility, if necessary.

The CDC recommends being fully vaccinated and the use of masks to prevent the spread of the coronavirus. For more information, visit their website at www.CDC.gov/Coronavirus.

By attending the North Carolina Youth Fire Academy, each person acknowledges the risk of exposure to communicable diseases and agrees to the liability. If you have specific questions, please contact NCYFA director John W. Franks at WarrenCoJrFireFighters@hotmail.com.

We look forward to seeing you soon,

John

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