



## Serving with Diligence and Determination

### YMCA BLUE RIDGE ASSEMBLY

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YMCA Blue Ridge is dedicated to the safety and health of our guests, our staff and the entire community. Since the onset of COVID-19, we have continually adapted programming and protocols to keep people safe. We will continue to follow state and local government guidance regarding masks and other safety measures.

We are currently requiring that guests are either fully vaccinated or obtain a negative COVID-19 test result prior to arrival. We ask that each group leader convey this expectation to participants and handle it as best they can to prevent a COVID outbreak in your group.

As of February 16, 2022, Buncombe County no longer has a mask mandate in place. While face coverings in public indoor spaces are no longer required, public health officials strongly recommend them in crowded indoor spaces. **Masks are now optional** for YMCA Blue Ridge guests and program participants as well as YMCA Blue Ridge staff.

#### Guest Responsibilities

- Guests may choose to wear masks in indoor spaces as they see fit.
- Guests should either be fully vaccinated or obtain a negative COVID-19 test result prior to arrival. Group leaders should handle conveying this expectation and handling it as they see fit.
- Keep a safe distance as appropriate.
- If fever or other symptoms develop, guest must either leave immediately to isolate at home, or if unable to leave, notify staff and request a quarantine room.
- Adhere to the specific protocols of your group.

#### Blue Ridge Staff Responsibilities

- Frequent and thorough hand washing with soap, water and/or use of hand sanitizer.
- Staying home to self-isolate with any symptoms, such as headache, cough, or fever, or if exposed to someone who tested positive for COVID-19.
- Seeking medical attention for any symptoms and getting tested for COVID-19 before returning to work, following the CDC guidelines for testing.

#### Public Spaces and Guest Services Desk

- Increased cleaning of public bathrooms, counter tops, doors, and other high traffic areas, as needed based on usage throughout campus.
- Hand sanitizer is available in public spaces throughout campus.
- Campus is only open for registered guests.

## Lodging

- Staff will not enter any residential areas.
- Towel exchange and garbage pickup will take place in hallways and on porches depending on the building (as discussed with group leader prior to visit).
- Staff cleans with CDC-approved disinfectants and cleaners and uses CDC guidelines for high contact surfaces.

## Dining

- Meals will be self-serve buffet style, and disposable plates and utensils are used at times.
- Hand sanitizer will be available at meal times.
- Assigned meal periods may be instituted as needed.

## Meeting Spaces

- Spaces will be sanitized and set accordingly prior to group's arrival.
- Blue Ridge must have all A/V needs in advance of arrival and may not be able to provide additional equipment on short notice during stay.
- Group is responsible for sanitizing spaces as needed throughout the stay.
- Staff will only enter each meeting space to pick up trash as needed while the group is not present.

## Recreation

- Staff-led activities may be available as deemed safe to run, such as climbing structures, low-ropes course, archery, mountain biking, and crafts.
- Open recreation facilities may be used by guests, including hiking trails, disc golf, tennis, basketball, volleyball, corn hole, outdoor swimming pool and playground. Guests may bring their own equipment or use our equipment.
- Hours for Mountaintop Café & Gift Shop to be determined.