



Dear Parents and Families,

October 1, 2020

All of us at PASA know how hard it is ensure your children are safe during this scary pandemic. We sincerely hope that PASA's after school program choices this fall might offer a secure, fun place for your middle or high schooler to be with friends for a few hours of the week. Please sign up on our website ([www.mypasa.org/registration](http://www.mypasa.org/registration)) for Hub or AfterZone programs.

We have programs available virtually and in-person at four Providence Recreation Centers:

- John Rollins (Southside), 674 Prairie Avenue
- Neutaconkanut, 675 Plainfield Street
- Zuccolo, 18 Gesler Street
- Bucklin (West End), 109 Bucklin Street

Programs run Monday through Thursdays, 3:00 PM-4:30 PM for middle school and 3:30 PM-5:00 PM for high school.

Because your child's safety is of the utmost importance to all of us at PASA, I want to share with you the procedures we have put in place this fall to protect your child:

- **Masks are required of every child and adult and will be provided every day.**
- **Social distancing rules will be strictly observed – youth will only be with their instructors in a designated location and will not be able to roam and interact with anyone outside their pod.**
- **You have a choice of outdoor or virtual programs so there is an option that works best for you.**
- **Outdoor programs will be held in small pods of no more than 12 youth with an instructor – the only adult they will spend time with. We have carefully designed an experience so youth have contact with only one adult.**
- **All CDC and RI Department of Health Guidance and Protocols will be strictly followed.**
- **Every child will be given a state-designed health check and have their temperature taken upon arrival.**
- **An isolation room is available for any child that feels sick or exhibits symptoms and family members will be called immediately.**
- **No child or staff is allowed to enter the grounds if they feel sick.**
- **The only indoor experience will be access to bathrooms that have been deep cleaned and will be monitored by a cleaner who will clean after every child and staff member.**
- **The bathroom area will be fogged once a week to kill all germs.**
- **If any child is sick, we will help connect families to testing sites, share contact tracing information with the state, alert you immediately, and shut down the in-person program.**
- **All virtual programs operate through our Edmodo platform so no one from the outside can visit a class and we can monitor the instruction.**



The fall 2020 operations binder, posters, and flyers are all available for review to explain the safety operations. While family members will not be able to enter the in-person program area, they are welcome to observe and ask any and all questions.

We want you to feel confident that safety is a top priority with all of us at PASA. We have invested in every precaution to ensure you feel comfortable enrolling your children in our programs.

We will notify you if there are cancellations due to inclement weather. If it is unsafe to send your children home in the midst of a storm, we will keep youth in the gyms and require them to stay in their assigned pod. We will also do our best to contact families and alert them to our emergency plans.

Please do not hesitate to call me directly on my cell phone (401-952-5464) if you have any questions or concerns.

I hope that many middle school and high school youth will join us for our fall session, running until November 6<sup>th</sup> or until it is too cold to be outside. In the spirit of the Governor's "Take It Outside" initiative, we hope that many families will sign up at [www.mypasa.org](http://www.mypasa.org) especially for outdoor sessions while we can, before winter weather arrives and causes us to transition to mostly virtual programming.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Hillary Salmons". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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P.S. Please call us if it would be helpful to you for a PASA staff member to take you through the enrollment steps.