



Child Watch | Drop-In Care (6 weeks - 7 years)

YMCA OF DODGE COUNTY MAKE YOUR WORK-OUT WORRY-FREE

Our Child Watch program offers an opportunity for infants and children to grow, learn, and explore while meeting the need of their parents and family members who participate in Y programs and activities. While keeping children safe in a nurturing and caring environment, Child Watch provides your child additional opportunities for social experiences and learning through play, all while fostering values of caring, honesty, respect, and responsibility. Children are welcome in Child Watch for up to two hours per day. Parents must remain in the building while their child is under our care.

CHILD WATCH HOURS

Monday - Friday | 8:30AM-11:30AM & 4:00-7:00PM

Saturday | 8:30AM – 11:30AM

Sunday | CLOSED

Information & Policies

GENERAL

- Children must be signed in and out of Child Watch by an adult (18 & up).
- Children need to be signed out of Child Watch by the same person who signed them in, unless prior arrangements have been made.
- If you bring children that are not on your membership they must be a member of the Dodge County YMCA, or use a guest pass for each child.
- A photo ID is required for pick-up of children from Child Watch.

WELLNESS

Child Watch staff cannot accept a child into Child Watch if they have had the following symptoms within the last 24 hours:

- Fever
- Diarrhea and/or vomiting
- Communicable diseases (including pink eye)
- Rash
- Open sores
- Yellow or green runny nose or eyes
- Excessive cough
- Has been in contact with someone suspected of or confirmed with having COVID-19 in the last 14 days

If your child appears ill, we will contact you and ask you to take your child home. If your child stayed home from school because he or she is not feeling well, they should not be in Child Watch. In order to return to Child Watch, a Doctor's note may be requested at staff discretion.

Employees may not administer medicine, including diaper cream. Please do not bring prescriptions or over-the-counter medicine to Child Watch.

We ask that you notify Child Watch if your child has come down with a contagious disease and was in Child Watch during the incubation period.

Communicable disease notification will be posted in Child Watch for seven days to alert parents of possible exposure. Open wounds or skin irritations must be covered while in Child Watch. Please ask an attendant if your child needs a bandage.

EMERGENCIES

You will be notified immediately of any emergency or potentially serious injury concerning your child. You will be updated on any other situations when you pick up your child. Appropriate first aid or comforting techniques will be used for each particular situation.

LATE PICK-UP

If you repeatedly pick-up your child after closing time OR exceed the 2 hour time limit, you may be subject to suspension from Child Watch services.

Attire Policies & Bathroom Procedures

CLOTHING

Proper clothing and undergarments are required in Child Watch. The temperature inside may vary so prepare by dressing your child in appropriate clothing.

FOOTWEAR

- All mobile children must wear shoes or socks. Bare feet are not permitted in Child Watch.
- Wet shoes or boots are not allowed in Child Watch. Please bring a dry pair of shoes to change into during inclement weather.

BATHROOM PROCEDURES

- Children who are being toilet-trained will be directed to use the bathroom.
- Children should be able to use the bathroom without assistance.
- Staff will give minimal assistance with bathroom functions and with changing or adjusting clothes.
- Parents will be called to assist their child with any difficulties.

BEHAVIOR

For everyone in Child Watch to have a safe and positive experience, we utilize the following behavior management approach:

- If a child is misbehaving, we will redirect the child to an appropriate activity. We will suggest several alternatives.
- A Behavior form may be completed and discussed with the parent to address inappropriate behavior.
- If inappropriate behavior continues and becomes a safety issue for your child or other children, we will ask that you remove your child from Child Watch for an amount of time determined by staff.
- For the safety and well-being of all children using Child Watch, inappropriate behavior (i.e., spitting, biting, inappropriate language, harm to self, harm to others or property) may lead to a loss of Child Watch privileges for your child or family.

EMOTIONAL NEEDS

If a child is upset and inconsolably crying in Child Watch, staff will make every effort to calm and comfort the child and help them acclimate to the Child Watch environment. After 15 minutes of crying, the staff will locate the caregiver to pick up the child.

SPECIAL NEEDS

If your child has any special needs please inform the staff, prior to check-in. The YMCA will make every effort to accommodate your family.