



Danville YMCA

Child Watch Parent Information

Welcome to the Danville Family YMCA Child Watch program!

As a service to our valued members, the Danville YMCA Child Watch program provides on-site child care for your family and our guests while enjoying our facility. Our goal is to provide a positive experience for children in a safe and secure environment during your visit to our YMCA. We offer interesting and inviting age-appropriate activities implemented by warm and fun staff members.

CHILD WATCH HOURS

(Effective 11/9/09)

Morning Hours

Monday	9am-11:15am
Tuesday	9am-11:15am
Wednesday	9am-11:15am
Thursday	9am-11:15am
Friday	9am-11:15am

Evening Hours

Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 5:00pm-7:00pm

If these hours do not work for you, please let us know. Your feedback is important to us!

Child Watch is free for members with a family membership. Non-members and guests pay \$5.00 per visit.

Security

- Staff will observe your child for any symptoms of illness or communicable disease, and parents will be asked to verify that the child is healthy enough to be in care with other children.
- Whoever signs the child into Child Watch should also pick up the child unless you make alternative arrangements with lead staff on duty.
- We require a picture ID at pick-up time, and each child should be signed out.
- Children may stay in Child Watch for no more than 1 ½ consecutive hours.
- Please label all of your child's belongings. Give staff any information about your child that may be valuable while he or she is in our care, such as eating and sleeping needs, temperament, and so on.
- At pick-up, staff will share information with you about your child's stay, including, naps, food intake, demeanor, and play activities.
- For the comfort and security of our members and children, we do not permit cell phones in the Child Watch area.
- Please remember that you must remain in the building while your child is in Child Watch. Inform the staff where you will be so that you are easily accessible if they need to contact you.

Wellness

- Do not bring a child who has a fever, rash, drainage from the eyes, vomiting, or diarrhea to Child Watch. If your child exhibits any of these symptoms while in our care, we will call you immediately and ask you to remove the child from Child Watch. Please notify us if your child contracts a communicable disease after spending time in the Child Watch program.

Sanitation

- Staff and children wash hands upon entering the Child Watch room, before toileting, before and after bottle-feeding, and after wiping runny noses.
- Staff are not allowed to change diapers. We will come and get you if the case may arise. Your timely response is appreciated.

Medication

- Staff will not administer medications in the Child Watch program.

Eating

- Children may consume food, drinks and bottles in Child Watch, as long as they are in plastic containers with lids and are labeled

Child Guidance

- The Danville YMCA Child Watch staff use redirection and positive reinforcement while working with your child. If these techniques are not successful and your child poses a danger to self or others, we will notify you immediately. We will share information concerning any behavioral issues upon request. If a child is crying or having behavioral issues for longer than 20 minutes we will need to come and get you.

Activities

- During his or her stay with us, your child is encouraged to engage in fun activities that include a variety of age-appropriate toys, equipment, and materials of interest and challenge to your child.
- While Child Watch programs may make use of TVs and DVD players, the Danville YMCA limits viewing time and offers only programming choices that are consistent with YMCA values. We offer only G-rated videos and screen music for appropriate content.
- Label any pacifiers and comfort items such as blankets and stuffed animals.
- We make accommodations for children with special needs.

Volunteering

- Each branch has a volunteer policy for the Child Watch area. Please check with the service center for volunteer opportunities and procedures at your branch.

Staff

- The Danville YMCA screens and trains all our Child Watch staff. There is a staff person on duty at all times in the Child Watch area who has been trained in CPR, first aid, recognizing signs of child abuse, and recognizing symptoms of communicable diseases. The Danville YMCA appreciates the opportunity to serve you and your child. Comment forms are available at the member service desk. Please let us know how we can serve you.