

GUIDELINES AND POLICIES FOR IN-PERSON OUTINGS



Matches should adhere to Governor Wolf policies regarding the State of Pennsylvania Current Phases

Big Brothers Big Sisters is not requiring in-person outings at this time and supports matches remaining virtual when it is in the best interest of all parties.

IN- PERSON MATCH OUTINGS:

1. Parents/Guardians and Bigs MUST agree that they are comfortable meeting in person before any in-person outings occur. This is a personal choice that should be made with thought and caution.
2. Both parties (Bigs and Littles) must be in a yellow or green phased county in order to meet face to face.
3. Bigs and Littles should not be meeting in the homes of Littles or Bigs until their counties are in the green phase.
4. If either party is sick or has a fever, the meeting shall be postponed

REQUIREMENT FOR IN-PERSON OUTINGS:

1. Bigs should have hand sanitizer, wipes, or other hand washing availability on outings for your Little and yourself.
2. As recommended by CDC, Bigs/Littles must avoid touching their faces and use good handwashing practices.
3. Matches must maintain 6 feet of distance.
4. Bigs cannot take Littles to venues where congestion is likely to take place, to places where 6 feet of distance cannot be maintained consistently, or to any place not explicitly approved by the parent/guardian.
5. Only outdoor activities are permitted at this time. Matches are encouraged to hike, walk, fish, bike ride, throw ball, or have a picnic.
6. Matches should not go into any homes.
 - a. Pick up and drop off should be done outside. Bigs should not enter family's home.
 - b. Matches can visit Big's home (should be outdoor) for outings.



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- c. If Little has a porch or yard large enough to maintain distance, match can have outing in those spaces, but Big is not permitted to enter the home.
- d. Any home assessments for home visit approvals are postponed until further notice.
7. Absolutely no physical contact is allowed.
8. It is recommended that outings are limited to less than 3 hours in-person.

TRANSPORTATION:

1. Should Bigs transport Littles in order to meet, Bigs and Littles must wear masks in the car. Masks must be worn by both Bigs and Littles while in the car as 6 feet distance is not possible, while in the vehicle.
2. If someone is unable to wear a mask due to health reasons, no transportation should occur.
3. If a Big is not comfortable with transporting their Little, they are not required to do so and they can instead have an outing in their Little's neighborhood.
4. Bigs must take reasonable steps to disinfect surfaces before and after transporting Littles. Bigs should wipe/spray handles, dashboards, seats, seatbelts, etc.
5. If there is a need to transport, Bigs should limit transport to short distances.
6. Regardless of age, ALL Littles must sit in the back seat of the car.
7. BBBS encourages Bigs to drive with windows open to increase ventilation.

ADDITIONAL NOTES:

1. We encourage you to make the best decisions for you and your families, stay informed, and continue to follow the Center for Disease Control's recommendations for preventing the spread of illness.
2. BBBS of NEPA is not liable or responsible for matches that elect to see each other at this time and do not follow these guidelines. BBBS of NEPA still encourages social distancing and limiting interactions. If the match is having any in-person contact, these guidelines must be followed, as the health and safety of our matches is our top priority.
3. These policies will remain in place until BBBS of NEPA issues additional/amended policies.
4. BBBS of NEPA will review policy compliance on every match support call.
5. Given the novelty of this illness, at any time, BBBS of NEPA maintains the authority to stop in-person activities.
6. Matches that do not comply with these policies, as stated, may be terminated for failure to comply.
7. Additional updates will continue to be shared via messages, emails, phone calls, or mail. It is necessary for all of our BBBS community to stay closely connected through this time.

