



# TOGETHER, WE ARE DEFENDERS OF POTENTIAL

Dear Volunteers, Parents, and Youth-

While Wisconsin's Safer at Home Order has been lifted, Big Brothers Big Sisters will continue to focus on ensuring the safety and health of all our participants.

**As such, we ask you to continue to make decisions regarding in-person interactions based on the best health and safety for yourselves, your Little/Big and their families.**

If any match participant (Big, Little or parent/guardian) is uncomfortable with in person meetings, you do not have to meet in person. Virtual engagement and virtual match activities will continue for the foreseeable future.

If any match participant is at heightened risk for COVID-19, is currently ill (COVID-19 or other illness), or is experiencing illness symptoms (COVID-19 and other illnesses) their safety takes priority and meeting in-person is highly discouraged. Heightened risk factors include advanced age, respiratory illness, diabetes and immune system suppression, among many others.

**All match participants will need to sign that they have received and read the Guidelines for In-person Match Interactions in Response to Social Distancing Lifts (see below).**

Our organization will continue to follow the CDC guidelines as issued and strongly encourage those associated with Big Brothers Big Sisters of East Central Wisconsin to do the same.

If you have questions, please contact Chief Program Officer, Jaime Kriewaldt at [jkriewaldt@bbbsecw.org](mailto:jkriewaldt@bbbsecw.org) or 920.460.9546

Stay well,

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## **Guidelines for Match Meetings in Response to Social Distancing Lifts**

1. Parents/Guardians and Bigs should agree that they are comfortable with the match meeting in person. We recommend routinely communicating and agreeing on the venue to be visited, including home visits, before each meeting.
2. Matches understand that face to face meetings may be delayed or paused at any time by either party if anyone does not feel it is safe and in their and their families best health interests to meet in-person.
3. Matches must notify BBBS if they or members of their family have symptoms of COVID-19 or if have had any exposure to someone (family member, friend, coworker) diagnosed with COVID-19. BBBS will follow CDC reporting guidelines for known COVID-19 cases.
4. Matches cannot meet if there has been a known fever, a persistent cough, and/or any other COVID-19 symptoms in the house and not for at least two weeks following onset of symptoms.
5. All matches must follow CDC guidelines for the duration of face-to-face meetings until the pandemic infection rate has declined and/or maintained at a level the CDC does not define as pandemic.
6. BBBS recommends the following CDC guidelines on outings:
  - Use hand sanitizer, hand sanitizing wipes, or other hand washing equipment on outings.
  - Use masks when in public.
  - Wash hands after contact with public surfaces and before and after contact with face.
  - Disinfect high contact surfaces (doorknobs, counters, chairs, etc.) and surfaces in vehicles (door handles, dashboards, seatbelts, etc).
  - We recommend outdoor activities or activities in spaces with high ventilation.
  - Match should continue to avoid physical contact as much as possible.
7. BBBS does have masks available for match participants. Please speak to your program coordinator to find out more information.
8. BBBS approves of quality virtual contacts as part of its monthly meeting requirement in cases when matches feel unsafe to meet in person.

**Matches attest to understanding that BBBS may modify its policies at any time and will communicate changes through several methods when doing so.**

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