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## **Child Watch Policies**

- Child Watch is a benefit of Family Membership. All children must be listed under a Family Membership. Children may only be signed into the room by a parent/legal guardian or an adult relative of the child. Babysitters are not permitted to sign in children (exception: membership Nanny clause). If someone with an Individual Membership or a visitor wishes to place their child in the room, they must purchase a pass at the Welcome Desk. Passes are \$2 per child for a 2-hour maximum per day.
- For the safety of all children, only parents or legal guardians of the child will be admitted into the Child Watch room – no exceptions.
- Children 3 months to 12 years of age are welcome.
- During Y staffed I-Zone hours, children ages 6-12 are to be signed into the I-zone room by a parent/legal guardian or adult family member. Children ages 6-12 years who are in the Child Watch room prior to the I-Zone opening, will be escorted to the I-Zone room by a Y staff member. Child Watch is open to children ages 3 months -12 years when the I-Zone is not staffed by a Y staff member. All Child Watch policies apply to the I-Zone.
- In order to ensure a smooth transition, we ask that parents sign their children in and exit the room promptly. When picking up your children, we kindly ask that you gather all belongings and exit the room promptly to avoid overcrowding. For safety concerns, only one family at a time will be permitted in the room.
- Upon signing in, parents will receive a number pin; the child will have the same number placed on their back (sticker). If the parent would prefer a sticker versus the pin, one will be provided. At pick-up, the parent will return the pin or sticker to the Child Watch staff and retrieve their child. Pins/stickers must be returned in order to sign out their child. If a pin/sticker is lost, photo ID must be presented. This is a double-check system – we will not release a child to anyone except the person who signed them in.
- Two hour maximum time limit per day.
- No food or gum. No shoes. Socks must be worn at all times.
- Drinks must be labeled and in leak-proof containers. All bottles must be pre-made.
- Staff will bottle-feed your infant when possible. If staff is unable to feed him/her, you will be notified.
- Please have children fed and changed prior to entering Child Watch; staff is not permitted to change diapers.
- If your child is in the process of potty training but is not fully trained, he/she must wear a diaper or pull-up while in the room.
- If your child's diaper is soiled or overly wet you will be contacted and will need to change him/her within 15 minutes.
- Parents/guardians must remain on YMCA premises at all times. If you participate in a class that leaves the building, it is your responsibility to inform the instructor so that he/she can notify Child Watch and be available by cell for emergencies.
- Parents will be contacted if child is inconsolable for more than 15 minutes.
- Any child found with head lice must leave the room immediately and must present a doctor's note stating the child is lice-free prior to being readmitted into Child Watch.
- Child Watch Health Policy will be in effect at all times.
- In addition to scheduled YMCA holiday closings, Child Watch will be closed on the following days: Mother's Day, Father's Day and Trick-or-Treat evening.

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