



BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS
OF LOWER BERGEN COUNTY

Boys & Girls Clubs of Lower Bergen County (formerly Lodi & Hackensack)

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PRESS RELEASE

Boys & Girls Clubs Open for Full-Day Remote Learning and After School Programs

We are different but the same! Much of this year has been spent adapting, evolving, and finding a new normal. For us, that has meant doing **whatever it takes** to better serve the needs of our communities, and more specifically, have a greater impact on our communities' youth.

Part of that evolution includes changing our name from the Boys & Girls Clubs of Lodi & Hackensack to the Boys & Girls Clubs of Lower Bergen County, to be more inclusive and better represent the communities we serve.

It's now back to school season, and for many districts and children, it looks quite different than it did when they left school back in March due to Covid-19. To better meet the needs of our communities, we've launched a new full-day remote learning school day program in addition to our traditional after school program. Many school districts are working on an all remote or hybrid schedule which possess new challenges for students and families. Working parents may find themselves faced with the need for full day childcare, so they can return to work, and their children have a safe place to go and are not left home unsupervised. This new program fulfills that need as well as provides children the use of a laptop, should they need one to access their remote learning activities from the Clubs, academic support to help complete their school and homework, enriching activities and programs, and a healthy meal.

While we were excited to welcome the kids back inside the Clubhouse on September 15th, their safety, and that of our staff and volunteers, remains our first priority. In addition to mandatory capacity restraints limiting the number of people at each location, we've also implemented additional safety protocols, requiring everyone to check in outside the Club and have their temperature taken before entering the building. Masks must be worn at all times, and social distancing procedures are also in place. As an added precaution, we've also increased cleaning and disinfecting measures, requiring all shared spaces to be cleaned routinely throughout the day, before and after each groups' use, and have implemented a thorough weekly cleaning service to disinfect.

Limited space is still available. Program options include traditional After School (Hackensack Club 3pm-6pm / Lodi 3:05pm-6:05pm), Remote Learning School Day Program (Hackensack 7:45am-3pm / Lodi 8:05-3:05pm) and Remote Learning School Day & After School Program (Hackensack 7:45-6pm / Lodi 8:05am-6:05pm). For more information on our programs visit our website at www.bgclbergen.org/after-school. For more information on ways to support or get involved with our Clubs, contact Melissa McKinney at 973-473-7410 ext. 104.