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Re: 2021 – 2022 CYO Program Update

Dear CYO Community,

As school communities are planning to open their doors for the 2021-2022 academic year, we are presently monitoring the COVID numbers. Unfortunately, The Delta COVID variant has reversed the positive trajectory that excited us all as recent as three months ago.

Our colleagues in the Catholic education department recently shared their reopening plans to keep their school communities safe as children converge back to the classroom setting after the summer. Because of the reopening plans and in support of prioritizing in-person learning, CYO will enter into a transition period for the months of September and October. **During the transition period, there should be no indoor activity related to CYO programming in the school gyms or other indoor area locations in September and October.** Any indoor activity should be moved outdoors in a safe environment and follow outdoor COVID related guidance provided by the CDC and your local health departments.

Last year, we were able to transition many of our programs outdoors, thanks to the dedicated volunteers and children who were willing to adapt. The CYO will once again be hosting our traditional outdoor Fall programming as well as explore other outdoor offerings.

Throughout the pandemic we have shared our appreciation for your flexibility and understanding. That continues as we move forward. Based on the present conditions, we must realistically prepare ourselves for a range of possibilities from a delayed start, and even once again, the possibility of a suspended season.

The next community announcement will be made around October 1<sup>st</sup>. This update will address the next course of action and time frame based on the present conditions.

If anyone has any questions, or needs any assistance, please feel free to contact me directly at [seth.peloso@archny.org](mailto:seth.peloso@archny.org)

Sincerely,

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