

HOURS OF OPERATION

Monday–Thursday
8:45 AM–8:30 PM

Friday
8:45 AM–6:00 PM

Saturday
8:45 AM–1:00 PM

Closed Sunday



CHILDWATCH



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FOR HEALTHY LIVING
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YMCA OF SOUTHWEST MICHIGAN

Niles–Buchanan Branch

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2019 Parent Handbook



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WELCOME TO YMCA CHILDWATCH!

The goal of the YMCA Childwatch is to serve the best interests of the children in our care. Our rules help us run our Childwatch in the smoothest way possible and allow us to address the health and safety concerns of your child. **If you have any questions, please contact Melanie Millin, Childwatch Supervisor.**

CHILDWATCH

AGES 6 WEEKS–12 YEARS

Open year-round!

- Household YMCA Member: Free
- Daily Drop-In for Adult Members: \$5
- Daily Drop-In for Non-Member: \$5

Childwatch will close ½ hour early if there are no children in the room. Hours are subject to change based on usage.

Payment must be made beforehand. Please give your receipt to Childwatch staff when signing in your child(ren).

RULES & REGULATIONS

- We have a 3-hour time limit per child per day.
- Only a parent or legal guardian on file may sign in and out their own child(ren).
- You must remain in the YMCA facility at all times while child(ren) are signed in.
- Toys, electronics, games, movies, etc. brought to Childwatch will be at your own risk. The YMCA is not responsible for any lost or broken items.
- All walking children must be wearing dry hard-sole shoes. Slippers and flip-flops are not allowed. Non-walking infants must have on socks or booties.

SNACKS & DRINKS

- Snacks are permitted in the Childwatch area. Snacks should be provided by parent/guardian and be already prepared. Food should be similar to what you would send to school.
- Staff cannot warm foods in the microwave with the exception of baby food/formula
- If room is busy, a parent/guardian may be asked to come to the room to tend to feedings.
- Please alert staff to any allergies your child may have.
- Please no gum in Childwatch area.
- Please inform staff if your child's snack contains nuts.

BATHROOM NEEDS

- Diapers must be freshly changed before signing into Childwatch.
- You will need to leave a diaper bag with disposable diapers, wipes, extra clothes, and other items your child might need.
- If your child needs assistance in the bathroom, we will assist as much as possible before calling you.

ILLNESS

To keep all children healthy, we ask that children who show signs of illness, such as fever, diarrhea due to illness, persistent cough, thick green nasal discharge, vomiting, pink eye, or unexplained rash stay home from Childwatch. If your child has been prescribed an antibiotic, we ask that they have a full 24-hour dose before returning. Those with fever must be fever-free without medication for 24 hours before returning.

- We reserve the right to refuse entry if we feel your child is too ill to attend.
- If your child becomes ill while in our care, we will contact the parent immediately.
- Please contact us if your child becomes ill after attending Childwatch.

BEHAVIOR

Our goal is to provide a safe, healthy, happy environment for your children while they are at the YMCA. Childwatch is committed to building the self-esteem, character, and positive self-concept of each child. If a behavior issue arises, such as biting or hitting, we will use positive approaches like time away or redirection to encourage appropriate behavior. In cases where these approaches are not successful, we will do all that we can to work with the parent(s) to resolve issues.