



Stepping Stones Criteria of Service During COVID-19

Stepping Stones Recreation & Leisure programs are designed for individuals with an intellectual, developmental or physical disability.

With the reality of COVID-19, we have had to modify our services to meet health and safety guidelines established by Governor Mike DeWine, the Ohio Dept. of Health and the American Camping Association. Additionally, the State of Ohio's Dept. of Developmental Disabilities established situational risks as well as an assessment tool to determine eligibility for recreation programs at this time.

Providing a safe environment and program experience for participants remains Stepping Stones' top priority. Following guidelines of state and local officials, we have updated our criteria of service and are unfortunately unable to serve participants at this time who demonstrate one or more of the following:

- Underlying health conditions that cause immune system to be compromised
- Personal care required throughout the day (toileting care, feeding & mobility necessities)
- Requires 1:1 services
- Demonstrates inappropriate behaviors with a higher frequency that could cause harm to a participant or staff member
- Severe self-injurious behavior
- Consistent refusal to participate in programming
- Consistently unable to stay with his/her assigned program group
- Age 65 or older

Please note, Stepping Stones is also unable to serve individuals with an insulin pump, tracheostomies or O₂ other than O₂ concentrator for CPAP (continuous positive airway pressure).