

Wildfire/Flood/Utility Emergency Policy (power, water, gas)

The Boys & Girls Club of Greater Ventura is committed to providing a safe environment for our staff and members. This includes having policies and procedures in place in the event of natural disasters and major disruptions of key Utilities (power, water, gas) so that we reasonably mitigate against potential harm from these types of events.

The club will comply with all mandatory and voluntary evacuation notices by emergency authorities utilizing the mandatory and voluntary evacuation procedures respectively. The club will be closed until the mandatory and voluntary evacuation notices are lifted and any building repair/clean-up has been completed.

In the event of the loss of water, power, restroom facilities, or any other disruption of utilities the club will remain open as long as it is practical, safe, and healthy for staff and members to do so.

In the event poor air quality (measured by the Air Quality Index - AQI) from wildfires or other sources the club will follow the guidelines below:

- AQI 0-100 the club will operate with normal hours and activities
- AQI 100-150 The club will conduct all activities indoors.
- AQI > 150 club activities may be curtailed or closed for all or some members at the discretion of the Director of Operations or CEO upon consultation with relevant health experts.

Under these conditions particular attention should be paid to comments by members or parents about member physical comfort or health concerns and be observant about any changes of behavior that would indicate a potential health or comfort issue and if necessary take appropriate action.

If a member has not been picked up by a guardian 45 mins after normal or shortened closing time the member is to be considered abandoned and the process of handing over duty of care to the appropriate child services organization should be initiated.

At all times appropriate staffing ratios should be preserved.

In the event of an emergency the staff in charge shall protect members from harm. To assist staff each club will have emergency procedures available to them. Once members and staff are safe the staff in charge will consult Director of Operations or CEO concerning further actions. A report on the incident shall be completed within 24 hours to the Director of Operations and/or CEO, and if deemed necessary to the Boys and Girls Club of America.

Please note that this is a living document and may be updated from time to time as needed.