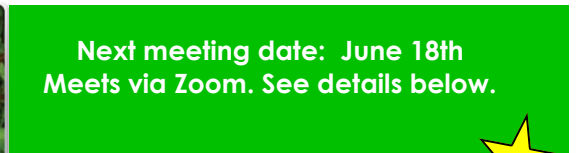


# Delta County Great Start Parent Coalition Newsletter



## COVID -19 UPDATES

## Great Start Events

On June 2nd the stay home order was lifted across Michigan. This is Phase 4 of 6 in the Governor's Safe Start phases. You may be wonder what this means. Can I go shopping, to the park or have a playdate? You can visit [www.michigan.gov/coronavirus](http://www.michigan.gov/coronavirus) for a complete rundown of what is open and safety guidelines for Michigan. Universal guidance is to wash your hands frequently, wear a mask in enclosed public places (children under 2 should NOT wear a face mask) and to practice social distancing with people who do not live in your home. This will continue to stop the spread of the virus and help everything to return to normal sooner. If you have needs please dial 2-1-1 (906-786-4701) for help.

### These are some changes as of June 2nd:

- Retailers can reopen to customers without an appointment on June 4 with capacity limits.
- Restaurants can offer dine-in service starting June 8, with capacity limits.
- Day camps for children and outdoor public swimming pools, with reduced capacity, can open June 8. Indoor pools must remain closed. Regulations are pending.
- Libraries and museums can open June 8, subject to capacity rules similar to those for retail stores.
- Effective immediately, groups of up to 100 can gather outside with social distancing, up from a threshold of 10. Indoor gatherings are still limited to 10.
- Gyms and fitness centers can offer outdoor-only activities such as classes and training sessions as long as participants, coaches and spectators stay 6 feet apart.
- Office work that can't be done remotely is permitted, though workers must continue to telework to the extent possible.
- Drive-in movie theaters can open.
- A phased resumption of bottle returns for deposits is to begin June 15, starting with stores that have self-serve machines for return of cans and bottles, located away from the main retail area.
- Schools remain closed, except for remote learning.
- Camping, overnight lodging and shelter reservations at state parks and recreation areas: June 22
- Harbor reservations at DNR-managed harbors: June 10
- State forest campground reservations: June 10

**Michigan Free Fishing weekend** is on 6/13 & 6/14/20! All fishing license fees will be waived for two days. Residents and out-of-state visitors may enjoy fishing on both inland and Great Lakes waters for all species of fish. All fishing regulations still apply.

Though we have moved online we are still providing great opportunities for families this month.

**Family Funtime** Thursdays at 11am. Visit our Delta County Great Start Parent Coalition Page on Facebook for Family Funtimes where we share stories, fun ideas and activities for you to try together at home. This month we will have special guests bringing some fun!

**Kid Café** 6/10/20 at 10am this is a special Zoom time for young kids! They will enjoy a virtual playtime with an opportunity for show and tell, silly songs and activities. Children must be registered and accompanied by an adult. Visit <https://forms.gle/98gVPm98iYaVQ3g66> to register today!

**Great Start Parent Coalition Meeting** 6/18/20 at 6pm you are invited to meet new friends and make a positive impact in our community for children! We are meeting online monthly until social distancing relaxes. There is a drawing for a gift card each month. Contact Laurie at 419-320-5542 or [Imold@dsisd.net](mailto:Imold@dsisd.net) to RSVP and receive link to join or learn more.

**Great Start Online Parent Café** 6/25/20 Join meaningful conversations with peers around parenting. This month we discuss how to better understand and help your child's growth and development. will be a drawing for a gift card! Register at <https://forms.gle/3Lb8ktk2JNUcGyFm6> Call Laurie at 419-320-5542 with any questions.

**Ready4K** is a free research-based text messaging program for families with kids ages 0 to 9 in our area. Each week, you'll receive 3 texts with fun facts, tips and age appropriate learning ideas for your child. It makes learning fun and easy! Register at <https://bit.ly/DSReady4K> or text DSISD to 70138

**Talking is Teaching!** You are your child's first and most important teacher! Did you know that helping your child get the best start in life is as simple as talking, reading and singing together? Learn more about how you can make everyday moments into huge learning opportunities. <https://great-start.org/talking-is-teaching>

**FREE Online Ages & Stages Developmental and Social Emotional Screenings** The ASQ is a researched based screening tool for kids up to age 7 which help celebrate your child's milestones and ensure they are developmentally on track. Fill out the online questionnaire and receive feedback and activities you can do to help them with emerging skills.

**Concerns about your child's development? Want to make sure they are on track? Child Find** is a free developmental screenings for children 0-5 years old through the Delta-Schoolcraft ISD Call 906-786-9300 ext. 201 to schedule an appointment.



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- UNKNOWN -

"My father gave me  
the greatest gift  
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-JIM VALVANO

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## Things To Know

**Kindergarten screenings** have been postponed to July 29th in Escanaba and August 10th in Gladstone. Contact your local district for more information about Kindergarten registration and screenings

### Free Preschool Registration

- Head Start-online registration [www.mdsecp.org](http://www.mdsecp.org)
- Great Start Readiness Programs - register online at <https://forms.gle/prKBpU4RPkvRm6E7Z>
- Great Start to Quality-private and public preschools and daycare information <https://www.greatstarttoquality.org/finding-child-care-preschool>

## Food Distribution

6/1/20 to 6/29/20 **Gladstone Farmers Market** Mondays from 3pm-6pm next to the Gladstone Square Pharmacy on Delta, Ave.

**Escanaba Farmer's Market** open date start to be announced (Traditionally Wednesdays 3pm-6pm and Saturdays 8am-noon at 9th Street and 1st Avenue North Escanaba)

**Hannahville Farmers market** Thursdays 1:30am.-3:30pm starting June 25.

**Schools** will continue food distribution through June then Meet Up and Greet Up sites will begin with new safety guidelines . Check your districts website or Facebook page for details.

6/5/20 **Food Distribution** on Friday starting at 10am for all at New Life Church 2005 8th Ave S, Escanaba

6/11/20 **Feed America Food Truck** 10:30 AM at Rapid River Senior Center 10574 N. Main St. Rapid River, 10574 N. Main Street, Rapid River

7/1/20 **Feed America Food Truck** 10:30 AM at Escanaba Seventh Day Adventist Church, 210 S Lincoln, Escanaba

### Arts

**Bonifas Arts Center Art Center Youth Programs.** Check back after June 12th to see if they are able to resume activities. Contact [www.bonifasarts.org](http://www.bonifasarts.org) or 906-786-3633

### Youth Camps

**Delta County Northern Lights YMCA Summer Day Camps** begin June 15th. Applications will be available online on June 4th.

**YMCA Camp Harstad** is anticipated. Childcare is open for school age 6-12 years. Contact the YMCA at 906-789-0005 or visit [nlymca.com](http://nlymca.com) for details

### Sports & Recreation

**Escanaba City Recreation** - most programs and events have been cancelled or postponed.

**Little League** has been cancelled this year.

**Gladstone City Recreation** - all summer programs have been cancelled for the year. Visit [Gladstonemi.org](http://Gladstonemi.org) or call 906-428-9222 for more info.

**Soccer** starts July 6th [www.baysidesoccer.net](http://www.baysidesoccer.net)

**MISH Watersports** offers kayak, stand up paddleboards, and ski doo rentals as well as kite boarding. Contact (515) 999-MISH or email: [mish@mishwatersports.com](mailto:mish@mishwatersports.com) for information.

**YMCA Summer programs** Swimming lessons beginning 6/27 and t-ball starting June 30th. Visit [www.nlymca.com](http://www.nlymca.com) or call 906-789-0005 for more program info as it develops.

### Animals: OPEN!!

**De Young Family Zoo**-Wallace, MI Tues -Sun 10am-5pm 906-788-4093 [www.thedeyoungfamilyzoo.com](http://www.thedeyoungfamilyzoo.com)

**Garlyn Zoo**-Naubinway, MI Open 7 days 10am-6pm 906-477-1085 [www.garlynzoo.com](http://www.garlynzoo.com)

**Oswald's Bear Ranch**-Newberry, MI 9:30am-5pm 906-293-3147 [www.oswaldsbearranch.com](http://www.oswaldsbearranch.com)

### Family Fun

**Bowl-A-Rama** is currently open for bowling call 906-786-6500 for times and days

**UPutt Family Fun Center**-opening soon for glow in the dark indoor mini golf, arcade and party rooms! 2805 N Lincoln Rd, Escanaba

**Pocket Park** -free catch and release fishing for all ages. Call 906-789-0714 for hours and information

**Gladstone Van Cleave Park** Kids Kingdom, **Escanaba Ludington Park Harbor Hideout**, **Escanaba Bike Path** at Ludington Park and **Disc Golf** in Escanaba at Ludington, Pioneer Trail & Besse Parks, and at Gladstone Sports Park are all FREE!

No matter what is cancelled or closed remember summertime is the perfect time to unplug and enjoy the beauty of the outdoors together!! Hit the beach, blow bubbles, bike ride, have a picnic, go camping, play in the rain and just be silly! Playing, reading, singing and just talking with your child is the very best way to help them learn and grow. You are all they really want and need!!

Tell stories to your little ones about your day, about you when you were little, about places you have been, about how you felt when you first met them.  
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