

Childcare Pandemic Policy 2021

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NO CHILD, Staff or Parent is to enter the Facility if they have symptoms of illness or are required to self-isolate. Stay home and check symptoms using the [BC Self-Assessment Tool](#). Follow the recommendations of Public Health. Self-isolate for 10 days or until it's determined that the illness is not Covid-19 and symptoms have resolved. If the Illness is Covid-19, please notify the Manager immediately.

PARENTS (& attending child), Visitors and Staff are required to provide confirmation that they have no symptoms of illness and are not required to self-isolate upon entering the building.

ALL PARENTS & Visitors 12+ to the center must **MUST** wear a **MASK** and wash or sanitize their hands upon entry. Staff will wear masks in the classroom unless they can consistently maintain physical distance at all times.

TO REDUCE traffic in the center, only one parent/guardian should accompany a child for pick up and drop off. Children will be signed in/out of our program in the lower lobby. No parents are allowed in the centers or gyms at this time.

MAINTAIN physical distance between yourself, staff and others in the center. With young children, avoid unnecessary physical contact between staff and children, encourage minimal physical contact between children, promote individual play, smaller groups and distance where possible.

PLEASE be especially cautious of **PHYSICAL DISTANCE** at pick up and drop off times. Our **LOWER LOBBY** has an **OCCUPANCY LIMIT OF 6**. If there are already 6 patrons in the lobby area, please wait outside or in a vehicle until someone exits.

NO TOYS should be brought from home.

ALL CHILDREN and staff are encouraged to wash their hands throughout the day. When entering and exiting the center, bus, playground or gym spaces, as well as before/after snack times and when using the washroom.

FREQUENTLY touched surfaces will be washed and disinfected at least twice a day, (one of these times will be during operation), with extra sanitizing throughout the day as necessary.

GENERAL cleaning and disinfection will occur at least once a day with added cleaning throughout the day as necessary.

ANY CHILD that becomes ill while at the center will be given a mask & safely isolated until a parent or contact can pick them up. Families should use the [BC Self-Assessment Tool](#) to determine next steps and follow the advice given. The child will be allowed to return to the center once its determined that the illness is not Covid-19 & the symptoms have been resolved for 24 hours, or the recommended period of isolation has been completed. All toys and areas used by the ill child will be promptly disinfected.

ANY STAFF that becomes ill while at work, will don a mask, notify the manager and leave the center as soon as possible. Staff should use the [BC Self-Assessment Tool](#) to determine next steps and follow the advice given. Staff may return to work once it's determined that the illness is not Covid-19, & their symptoms have resolved, or the recommended period of isolation has been completed. All areas utilized by the ill staff will undergo a thorough disinfection as promptly as possible.

IF, BASED on symptoms, a test is recommended, the person must stay home until they receive their test result. If the test is negative, the person can return when their symptoms have resolved. If the test is positive, they must follow the advice of Public Health as to when they can return.

IF A HOUSEHOLD member tests positive, the child or staff should stay home for 14 days after the last contact with the infected person and follow the guidance of Public Health.

This Policy will be updated regularly according to guidance from Public Health and Worksafe BC.