

# **Beyond Care Child Centre COVID-19 Safety Guidelines**

## **Access/ Picking Up or Dropping Off:**

- DO NOT enter if you are experiencing any Covid-19 symptoms.
- One parent/caregiver in the cubby area at a time. Please wear a mask if you are able to.
- Please keep 2 meters away from other adults.
- Daily Checklist of the child ....DO NOT bring if they are experiencing fever, chills, cough, difficulty breathing, loss of smell or taste, nausea, vomiting or diarrhea. Also please contact the centre and keep us posted.
- If you or your child is experiencing any of these symptoms, please keep the child at home until a health care provider assesses them to exclude Covid-19 or other infectious diseases, and their symptoms have resolved.

## **Hand Hygiene:**

- Everyone is encouraged to use the hand sanitizer upon entering the daycare.
- Children will be asked to wash their hands when they arrive.
- Parents may choose to wash their child's hands or use the hand sanitizer provided when leaving the daycare.
- Children and staff will wash their hands multiple times when handling food, helping children in the bathroom, after playing outside and before they eat food.
- Everyone is asked to cough or sneeze into their elbow sleeve or tissue and hand wash afterwards.

## **Physical distancing:**

- Children will play outdoors for longer periods.
- Children will be spaced apart when possible.
- Bed cots will be spaced apart at naptimes.
- It is not always possible for workers to maintain physical distance from children and between children when in care. Still, we will adhere to the principle of physical distancing where possible.
- Staff will stay 2 Meters apart or wear a mask.

## **Cleaning and Disinfection:**

- Stuffed animals have been removed from play areas. Please refrain from bringing toys from home unless they are cleaned first and after being at daycare.
- General cleaning and disinfecting of the workplace are cleaned each day: Bathrooms, tables, chairs, surfaces, doorknobs, gates, light switches, faucet handles, toys etc.

- Cots and bedding is cleaned regularly.
- When drying hands, children use one time, only use paper towels.
- Garbage cans are emptied daily.
- If a child or staff member leaves the workplace due to symptoms of COVID-19, areas will be cleaned where those individuals were, including surfaces where they might have touched.

#### **Use of personal protective equipment:**

- Staff wears rubber gloves when changing diapers, cleaning, dealing with blood or bodily fluids.
- Masks must be worn by staff if physical distancing cannot be adhered to.

#### **Meals and Snacks:**

- Staff and children are required to provide their own individual meals and snacks.
- Children will not share snacks.
- Parents will drop off lunches on the top of the cubbies, and teachers will take them to the kitchen. There should be no handoff between adults.
- Dishes, forks, and spoons are cleaned and sanitized after each use.
- Water bottles are cleaned every day and are not shared between children.

#### **Other methods to control risk:**

- Limit sharing of supplies and equipment (e.g. pens, telephone, computer mouse and keyboard). If the equipment is shared, then wipe down after use.
- Provide fresh air by opening windows in the play area and washrooms

Thank you for considering the safety of others

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