



**WORK SAFE BC**

**COVID-19 Safety Plan For:** Whistler Children's Centre as per the Public Health Guideline for Child Care Settings.

**Public Health Measures:**

- Includes orders from the Provincial Health Officer, improved testing, and contact tracing.
- The Public Health Officer oversees active testing of people with COVID-19 symptoms. Should a Parent, Child or Staff member of the Whistler Children's Centre (WCC) be identified by Vancouver Coastal Health (VCH) as testing positive for COVID-19 or as having been exposed to COVID-19, the direction will be taken by VCH.
- VCH will determine if that person was at WCC during their infectious period. VCH will then contact the Director (Kari Gaudet) of WCC and provide further direction and to activate contact tracing through information gathering. The Director will then provide the requested information to VCH. VCH then follows up by making direct contact with those people who are identified as having enough contact to potentially have been exposed and will provide them with specific directions.
- It is also critically important that all members of the WCC community respect the privacy rights of every individual. This means that individual members of our WCC community and/or parents should not provide any public statements or communication about potential or confirmed COVID-19 cases, unless directed to do so by VCH.
- Self-Isolation and quarantine practices as outline by the BC Health Guideline.

**Environmental Measures:**

- Staff will stay within their own classrooms as much as possible.
- Staff will use exterior walkways as much as possible to move around the building (ie to use the photocopier etc)
- Children will be outside often & windows will be open for ventilation when possible.
- Children will be separated into smaller groups where possible.
- Regular cleaning & disinfecting.
  - Frequently touch surfaces will be cleaned throughout the day (door handles, bells, faucets, switches etc)
  - diapering stations, cots/cribs disinfected after each use
- Removal of toys that cannot be easily washed. (stuffedies etc)
- Removal of toys that children could put near mouths. (ie: house area toys, cups, spoons etc)
- No Sensory materials to be used amongst multiple children. (ie: playdough, slime etc)
- Spacing in nap rooms. (toe to toe)

**Administrative Measures:**

- New sick policy specific to COVID-19. (both Staff & Children, see policies & procedures folder)
- New amendment to the Parent agreement regarding COVID-19. (parents must sign)
- Physical distancing whenever possible
- Only 2 to 3 staff members in the staff room at all times. (number dependant on social distancing)
- Minimizing physical contact. (children)
- Avoid close greetings, hugs, handshakes etc.
- New signs in practices
  - Door bells
  - Drop off & pick up outside each classroom doors (use physical distancing markers)
  - Parent/family specific pens
- Minimize number of caregivers/adults in the facility. (ie: no volunteers, librarians etc)
- Less Administration staff in the building, one admin per day while others work from home.

**Personal Measures:**

- All parents, children and staff who have any symptoms (as per CDC guidelines) must stay home.
- All parents, children and staff who have been outside of Canada must self-isolate for 14 days.
- Anyone directed by Public Health to self-isolate must comply.
- Staff must assess themselves and children daily.
- Hand wash hygiene.
  - hand wash often; incorporate into daily routine
  - wash with plain soap and water
  - children & staff to wash hands upon entering facility
  - staff to do hand over hand with younger children, monitor hand washing
  - staff model hand washing
  - hand sanitizer on outside drop off/pick up stations
- Cough or sneeze into elbows.
- No meal prep or baking within the facility.(no all-day food)
- No sharing of cups, utensils etc.
- Continue to encourage labeling of personal items to avoid “accidental sharing”.

**Personal Protective Equipment (PPE):**

- There is no evidence to support the use of medical grade, cloth or homemade masks in child care settings.
- Wearing a mask is a personal choice.
- In young children masks can be irritating and may lead to increased touching of face and eyes.