



COVID-19 PLAN FOR SICK CHILDREN, EDUCATORS, OR PARENTS WITH POSSIBLE COVID-19 OR EXPOSURE TO COVID-19

CHILDREN

If a child begins to experience symptoms of COVID -19 while attending the centre the following plan will be implemented:

- Immediately physically distance the child from others (centre: either in the office or if an empty room is available).
- The child will be supervised by an educator keeping 2 metres apart and wearing all PPE.
- If unable to keep 2 metres apart, it is recommended the child wear a mask, if the child is over 2 years of age ,staff can ask the child to wear a mask, if able to tolerate it.
- If the child is very ill, call 911 and inform the operator that it is a possible case of COVID-19.
- Notify the parents to come and pick up the child and remind them the child must be excluded from the centre for 24 hours after the last symptom was experienced. Direct parent to this link <https://www.canada.ca/coronavirus> and use the self assessment tool to determine if they need to seek medical testing for their child.
- Notify the local Public Health Unit of a potential case to seek advice to prevent/limit virus transmission and what information should be shared with other parents of children in the care setting.
- If the case is confirmed to be COVID -19, children and educators working in that child's specific group should be excluded from the centre for 14 days.
- The situation will be reported as a serious occurrence to the Ministry of Education within 24 hours; the comments will include that the situation is Covid-19 related.



The Ministry Guidance document for Child Care Centres recommends that if a child begins to have symptoms of COVID-19 while at the program, the day camp contact the local public health unit for further direction if needed. If this were to occur at your centre, public health would recommend the following actions:

- Contact the parent/guardian and have the child picked up and sent home. Isolate the child from other participants until the parent/guardian can pick them up.
- Recommend/request that the parent/guardian take the child to be tested for COVID-19 (some assessment centres do not test anyone under age 16, so this would require the parent to take the child to the emergency department or to their health care provider).
- Request that the parent/guardian inform the centre about the test results.
- If a parent/guardian does not wish to take their child to be tested our recommendation would be that the child be excluded from the program for 14 days after the onset date of their symptoms.

The Health Unit will follow up on any positive results.

EDUCATORS

If an educator begins to experience symptoms of COVID-19 while working, the following plan will be implemented:

Check your own temperature using an actual thermometer for accuracy (37.8C or greater is considered a fever). If you do feel ill, stay home and follow the Public Health Agency of Canada's step for self-assessment at <https://www.canada.ca/coronavirus>.

- The educator will immediately don a mask to protect those in the area.
- The educator will inform the executive director or supervisor and remove themselves from the children and any other adults(if applicable) as soon as possible while ensuring the children are supervised at all times.



- Coverage for a centre educator will be arranged as quickly as possible to allow the sick educator to leave the premises by the most direct route.
- The educator will consult with the local Public Health Unit to determine next steps.
- The educator will remain off work until symptoms are fully resolved or on advice of the local Public Health Unit and report back to the executive director or supervisor with the expected date of return.
- The executive director or supervisor will notify the local Public Health Unit to the potential case to seek advice to prevent/limit virus transmission and what information should be shared with parents of children and colleagues at the centre.
- If the case is confirmed to be COVID-19 children and educators working in that educator's specific group or home should be excluded from care for 14 days.
- The situation will be reported as a serious occurrence to the Ministry of Education within 24 hours; the comments will include that the situation is Covid-19 related.

PARENTS:

If a parent of a child that attends the program is exposed to COVID-19 or experiences symptoms of COVID-19 the following plan will be implemented:

- The parent must exclude their children from the program for 14 days.
- The executive director or supervisor will inform the Health Unit of the potential case and follow any advice that is given on preventing/limiting virus transmission and what information should be shared with parents of children and educators at the centre.
- Check your own temperature using an actual thermometer for accuracy (37.8C or greater is considered a fever). If you do feel ill, stay home and follow the Public Health Agency of Canada's step for self-assessment at <https://www.canada.ca/coronavirus>.