**SVP Covid19 Health / Illness Policy**

Please remember that the Covid19 public health emergency is rapidly changing, and our ability to remain open may change without notice; or we may be ordered closed in the upcoming weeks by BC’s provincial health officer, Dr. Bonnie Henry,  and/or our licensing officer.

Dr. Henry maintains that childcare centres can safely care for children if they are following the prescribed health protocols.

**Accordingly, please note the following Covid19 Health and Wellness policy, which applies to all staff and children within this facility and is in addition to established preschool illness policy (pg. 35 parent manual).**

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| Fever is indicated by the following temperature  Forehead/ Ear Temp. 38 C / 100 F | May return to childcare after 10 days or when symptom free, whichever is longer |
| Runny nose | May return to childcare after 10 days or when symptom free, whichever is longer |
| Cough | May return to childcare after 10 days or when symptom free, whichever is longer |
| Sore throat | May return to childcare after 10 days or when symptom free, whichever is longer |
| Difficulty breathing or wheezing | May return to childcare after 10 days or when symptom free, whichever is longer |
| Unexplained fatigue, aches or cold/flu-like symptoms | May return to childcare after 10 days or when symptom free, whichever is longer |
| Sinus congestion | May return to childcare after 10 days or when symptom free, whichever is longer |
| Children who have, or children with others living in the same home who have just returned from international travel | May return after self-isolating for 14 days **and** being symptom free |
| Children who have, or children with others living in the same home who have been identified as at-risk of potential Covid19 exposure | May return after self-isolating for 14 days **and** being symptom free |

**Children may not attend childcare programs while they have any of the following symptoms:**

* unusual, unexplained loss of appetite, fatigue, irritability, or headache
* eye infections
* unexplained rashes *or* any rash that is not confirmed by doctor to be non-contagious
* known or suspected communicable diseases (measles, chicken pox, pink eye, hand foot and mouth, etc)
* ear infection
* nausea, vomiting and/or diarrhea in the last 48 hours

Parents will additionally be asked to sign a statement each morning, confirming that their child is symptom free and that their child has not been given acetaminophen or ibuprofen in the last 12 hours.

**Covid19 Policy: If a child begins to show symptoms while at preschool**

* notify parents/guardians if their child begins to show symptoms of COVID-19 including the need for immediate pick up.
* staff will isolate the child exhibiting symptoms from the group until the parent arrives
* staff will wear a disposable mask in hopes to encourage the child to wear a mask while awaiting pick up
* staff will alert local Medical Health Officer if there is a reported case
* While awaiting test results of someone with symptoms of COVID-19, staff will clean and disinfect any rooms the child was in while symptomatic. There is no need to take any further special precautions or to close the childcare setting.
* Public health officials will identify individuals who may have had contact with a COVID-19 infected person and alert childcare administrators to actions that should be taken. Close contacts of a confirmed case may be asked by public health officials to self-isolate.
* Please visit [www.bccdc.ca/](http://www.bccdc.ca/) contact for Medical Health officer contact information for each Health Authority.
* children who test negative for COVID-19 will be advised individually about return to childcare settings.

**Covid19 Policy: If a staff member begins to show symptoms while at preschool**

* Staff will report symptoms to senior staff/manager
* Staff will self isolate on site until replacement staff arrives or families arrive to pick up children to ensure staff/child ratio is met
* Staff will wear a mask while on the premises
* Staff will not return to work until a negative covid19 test result is confirmed or they have isolated for 14 days
* While awaiting test results of someone with symptoms of COVID-19, staff will clean and disinfect any rooms the staff member was in while symptomatic. There is no need to take any further special precautions or to close the childcare setting.
* Public health officials will identify individuals who may have had contact with a COVID-19 infected person and alert childcare administrators to actions that should be taken. Close contacts of a confirmed case may be asked by public health officials to self-isolate. Please visit [www.bccdc.ca](http://www.bccdc.ca) contact for Medical Health officer contact information for each Health Authority.