

KidsCentre Inc. COVID-19 Amendment to Parent Handbook-4/1/2020

It is our policy to always follow mandated sanitation procedures in order to prevent the spread of communicable disease.

All children exhibiting the following **will be excluded**:

Shortness of BreathFever over 100.4 F**Lethargic, unusually quiet**New cough of any kind**Mild respiratory illness**

Health Screening at Entry

A member of the KidsCentre staff will be taking temperatures and checking symptoms of children upon entry each day and asking if medications were used to lower the child's temperature and if there are any household members with COVID-19. Only 1 parent per drop off and pick up will be allowed. The parent will sign in and out at the front door and a member of the staff will escort the child to their classroom.

Social Distancing

KidsCentre will reduce group sizes to no larger than 10 people total, including children and adults (e.g., one adult and nine children, two adults and eight children, etc). We will keep groups together throughout the day, and will not combine groups (e.g., at opening and closing). To the degree possible, we will maintain the same groups from day to day. This will help reduce potential exposures and prevent our entire program from shutting down if exposure does occur.

KidsCentre will incorporate social distancing within groups to the degree possible, aiming for at least three to six feet between children and minimizing the amount of time children are in close contact with each other. We will limit the number of children in each program space. Increase the distance between children during table work. Plan activities that do not require close physical contact between multiple children. Discontinue use of sensory tables. Minimize time standing in lines. Incorporate additional outside time and open windows frequently. Adjust the HVAC system to allow for more fresh air to enter the program space. Nap mats/cots will be separated by 6 feet (head to feet or feet to feet)

Outside play

Outdoor/Playground time will be in staggered shifts. If multiple classrooms are outside at the same time, they will have a minimum of six feet of open space between outdoor play areas or visit these areas in shifts so that they are not congregating.

Meals and snack time

Meals and snacks will be provided in the classroom. No family style meals at this time, staff will handle utensils and serve food to reduce spread of germs.

Drop-off and pick-up

We will not combine groups in the morning or afternoon. KidsCentre may alternate drop off and pick up times for each classroom to avoid a large number of people congregating outside the center.

Children who develop COVID-19 or symptoms

Children with a fever (100.4 F or higher), cough, or shortness of breath will be excluded from the center. Children with household members who are known to have COVID-19 will also be excluded from the center. **KidsCentre will not prorate or offer refunds of tuition if your child is sent home with Covid-19 symptoms.**

If a child develops symptoms of COVID-19 (fever of 100.4 or higher, cough or shortness of breath) while at the center, staff will **immediately separate the child from the other children** until the ill child can leave the center. The parents will be expected to pick up the child within 2 hours. If symptoms persist or worsen, you should call your health care provider for further guidance. Please report to the center management team immediately if your child is diagnosed with COVID-19.

If a child tests positive for COVID-19, you should contact the local health jurisdiction to identify the close contacts who will need to quarantine. It is likely that all members of the infected child's classroom would be considered close contacts.

If KidsCentre is notified of a confirmed case of COVID-19 among our staff, parents or children, we will consider closing at least temporarily (e.g. for 14 days, or possibly longer if advised by local health officials.) **KidsCentre will not provide pro-rate or refunds of tuition if we are closing due to a positive test result of Covid 19 by a child, parent or staff member.**

If the infected individual with confirmed or suspected COVID-19 spent minimal time (i.e. 10 minutes or less) in close contact with those in the child care facility, the facility may consider closing for 2-5 days to do a thorough cleaning and disinfecting and to continue to monitor for ill individuals.

Returning to a child care facility after suspected COVID-19 symptoms

If a child has symptoms of COVID-19 or is in close contact of someone with COVID-19, they can return to the child care facility when the following conditions are met:

If a child has a fever, cough or shortness of breath and has not been around anyone who has been diagnosed with COVID-19, they should stay home away from others until 72 hours after the fever is gone and symptoms get better. If a child's symptoms worsen, you should contact their healthcare provider to determine if they should be tested for COVID-19

If your child is diagnosed with COVID-19, they must remain out of the center for a minimum of 14 days after the onset of first symptoms. They may return under the following conditions-If they had a fever, 3 days after the fever ends AND you see an improvement in their initial symptoms (e.g. cough, shortness of breath); If they did not have a fever, 3 days after you see an improvement in their initial symptoms (e.g. cough, shortness of breath); **OR** 7 days after symptom onset. If an individual believes they have had close contact to someone with COVID-19 but are not currently sick, they should monitor their health for fever, cough, and shortness of breath during the 14 days after the last day they were in close contact with the sick person with COVID-19. They should not go to work or school, and should avoid public places for 14 days.

My signature below indicates that I have read and understand the Amendment to the Parent Handbook dated 4/1/2020, and that I am bringing my child(ren) to KidsCentre Inc. with the full understanding of the risks that my child could be exposed to the COVID-19 virus.

Signature

Date