



Parkland Players COVID-19 Pandemic Update March 15th, 2020

Governments around the world are responding to the COVID-19 pandemic, and social distancing is a central aspect of plans to limit the spread of the virus as the test is not available to most people with symptoms and also has a 3 to 5 day turnaround on the test results. We could be experiencing a lot more rapid increase in the number of cases.

Our goal is to raise awareness and encourage all members of our community to take the proper precautions. Panic and fear in our current situation is understandable however, I encourage all of you to practice self-isolation to help prevent the distribution of this virus and, most importantly, take action to protect our seniors.

We understand that the Federal & BC Government is doing its best to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic, however action in regard to the childcare sector has been limited, and therefore, Parkland Players has taken a proactive and responsible approach to COVID-19, by **suspending operations until further notice.**

We feel responsible to all our families and the grandparents in our community, as well as our valued senior staff. I cannot imagine having an operation running with the slightest chance of risking the wellbeing of our Parkland Players Community.

In anticipation of closure, last week, we provided all families with new policy (COVID-19 Policy #3 Outbreak & Closure).



Some of the measures we have taken in the past few days are as follow:

1- Social Distancing

We do know that there are likely cases out there not identified. So, enforcing and practicing social distancing measures is essential..

What is social distancing?

Social distancing is deliberately increasing the physical space between people to avoid spreading illness. Staying at least six feet away from other people decreases your chances of catching and spreading COVID-19.

Within childcare, social distancing is a practice that is impossible to be held. Our educators cannot comfort a child armed with gloves and masks; they hug, dry tears, and get coughed on. In relation to this practice, crowds of 50 or more are also banned. Within our operation, we have more than 50 children and educators attending at our Parkland Player Center.

We encourage our families to use our online app, [Bitaa](#), to provide creative educational activities for their children throughout this period.

2- Deep Cleaning

During our closure the center will be undergoing deep cleaning and sanitization using hospital-grade disinfectors, BALANCE PLUS Cleaner Disinfectant, which is a phosphate-free concentrated cleaner that provides effective cleaning, deodorizing, disinfection, and sanitization for use in schools, nursing homes, hospitals, food processing plants, and other institutions. BALANCE PLUS is effective in cleaning against a variety of contagious illnesses for use on a variety of hard, non-porous surfaces.

3- Parents Working in the Healthcare Sector

The BC Government has emphasized the need for those involved in the healthcare sector to continue to be able to go to work in support of caring for the community and working through this pandemic. If any of our parents work in the healthcare sector and are concerned about their ability to go to work, we ask that you contact us individually using the contact details below.



4- Communication

We will continue to communicate with our families via email and Hi Mama regarding any updates to operations and finances.

5- Financial

Our goal is figuring the financials of our operation to ensure our reopening.

- Step 1: Reducing holding cost.
- Step 2: We are waiting for clarification on possible government grants
- Step 3: Staff Management

If we cannot find any possible way of sustaining the operation during the closure, we may refer to our COVID-19 Policy #3 Outbreak & Closure. We strongly believe with the support of the government; we will be able to provide our families with peace of mind at no cost.

Please also continue to monitor the links below on a regular basis:

- 1- [BC Center for Disease Control](#)
- 2- [Health link Web Site](#)
- 3- [Health Canada Information](#)
- 4- [Ministry of Children and Family Development Website](#)
- 5- [Employment Insurance & Social Development Canada](#)
- 6- [Risk-informed decision-making for mass gatherings during COVID-19 global outbreak](#)

I want to thank you all for your continued understanding and support. We are all going through this difficult situation together, and we are doing our best to manage the social and financial realities. If you have any concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at management@parklandplayers.com or call Navid Morawej at 604-764-8982.

Kind Regards,

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