



Dear families,

First, we would like to say thank you for everyone's cooperation and understandings throughout this difficult time. We have new guidance from the BC CDC, and we would like to inform you our updated COVID-19 policy.

Please review carefully and if you have any questions, please contact us.

Kind Regards,

Parkland Players

Updated COVID-19 Policy

***Please note all the protocols are directly advised from the BC Centre of Disease Control (BCCDC)**

The risk in childcare setting is considered low in BC as evidence shows:

- COVID-19 is less commonly transmitted between children yet more commonly transmitted between adults, and from adults to children.
- As incidence will change over time in the province, the risk of cases or clusters in daycare may be higher or lower in the future than it is currently. This guidance will be updated as the pandemic evolves.

Children tend to have very mild symptoms of COVID-19, if any. They often present with mild respiratory symptoms, such as coughs.

Sickness

If any person (child and staff) is unwell and/or have a **symptom** related to COVID-19,

Symptoms:

- A. Fever (37.0 and up)
- B. Chills
- C. Coughs or Chronic coughs
- D. Breathing difficulties (breathing fast or working hard to breathe)
- E. Loss of sense of smell or taste
- F. Diarrhea

- G. Nausea
- H. Vomiting

They must stay home at least 24 hours. If symptom improves or stops, you may return to childcare when one feels well enough. If the symptom persists or worsens, seek a health assessment. A health assessment includes calling 8-1-1, or a primary care provider like a physician or nurse practitioner. A health care provide note is not required to confirm the health status of any individuals. The individual may return to childcare once symptoms improve or stops.

The person must stay home and self isolate:

- a. A person experiencing symptoms
- b. A person waiting for results of a COVID-19 test
- c. A person confirmed by public health as a case of COVID-19
If the household member tests positive for COVID-19, public health will advise on self-isolation and when they may return to the childcare setting
- d. A person confirmed by public health as a close contact of confirmed case or outbreak of COVID-19
- e. A person who has travelled outside of Canada in the last 14 days.

COVID-19 Testing

- a. If the COVID-19 test is positive, self isolate and follow the direction of public health
- b. If the COVID-19 test is negative, return to childcare once well enough and symptoms improve or stop
- c. If the COVID-19 test is recommended but not done, self-isolation for 10 days after the onset of symptoms and return when feeling well enough and symptoms improve or stop.

What is Parkland Players doing?

- Cleaning and disinfecting high-touch surfaces, toys, tables, and chairs after every activity and every 1 hour.
- The staff and teachers, and children are allowed wearing and equipping PPE and they are not crossing programs or portables.
- We are having group systems to stagger the usage of outdoor play area.
- We are following the cohort principles **by families calling in 10 minutes** before arrival to stagger.
- We are having our routines mostly outside (weather permit)
- Fans (ventilation) are running all day and we are opening our doors and windows (weather permit) with extra supervision.
- We have extra staffs to minimize mixing of groups in the beginning and end of the day.
- Staffs are prolonged to face- to -face contact between other staff members and practicing physical distancing where possible.



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- Staffs are minimizing unnecessary physical contact with children
 - Staffs are organizing more activities that encourage individual play or more space between children and staff.
 - Circle times are implemented with encouraging children to minimize physical contact with each other, social distancing, self hygiene, etc.