

# Migizoons Child Care Centre

Revised Parent Handbook 2021

Providing Child Care for Essential Workers

#### Introduction

First, we want to welcome back all families and children. We want to make sure this process is as natural as possible for children during the pandemic. All staff, parents, children and essential visitors will be screened before entering the childcare centre. Currently, we are limiting who enters the childcare centre to staff and children only.

As we move through the third phase of the global pandemic, we are beginning to slowly open up Migizoons Child Care Centre by providing childcare to the essential workers of our community. The Health, Safety and Well-Being of our staff and children in our care is top priority.

Migizoons Child Care Centre understands that in this time of uncertainty, both children and adults are coping with a "new norm." As we welcome children and families back to Migizoons Child Care Centre you will notice several safety procedures that have been put in place regarding screening, cleaning, sanitary practices and the important reporting requirements around signs and symptoms of illness. We feel that the extra steps we have put in place will assist families and children in the transition of returning to the Child Care Centre.

## **About Our Early Childhood Education Team**

Our Child Care Team is comprised of trained Registered Early Childhood Educators and Early Childhood Educator Assistants. All our employees are trained on our childcare policies and procedures, including Health and Safety Protocols, especially designed for working during the COVID-19 pandemic. These protocols have been advised by local public health, Health Canada, and the Ministry of Education.

Several of our educators have been trained to recognize the signs of anxiety caused by the pandemic and can help your child through these difficult times.

Please speak with your child's educator if you notice your child having a difficult time; we are here to help.

## Helping Families and Children transition into the Child Care Environment

We value each child's strengths and abilities and will work to expand their knowledge by using their natural curiosity and ability of complex thinking to lead our discoveries. We value our families as the experts on their children and we encourage parent/caregiver involvement in our programming. Each family unit is unique, and we encourage open communication. Educators will be able to provide updates such as mealtimes, nap times, activities, needed supplies, and photos to each family.

The Himomma app also allows parents/caregivers to message the educators and share information and photos from home. Using this technology will allow educators and families to stay connected during this "new norm." Our intention is to keep parents/caregivers as informed as possible about how their child's day went and add the reassurance that would normally come during drop off and pickup times.

NOTE: If you need some assistance using the Himomma app, please ask your Educator.

## Curriculum and Programming

Our Early Childhood Education is centered around the Ministry of Education's pedagogy "How Does Learning Happen?". I like this quotation, from the Ministry of Education website (www.edu.gov.on.ca)

"... How Does Learning Happen? describes effective practices and emphasizes positive relationships as critical for quality early years programs. It is meant to promote deeper reflection on how to create places and experiences where children, families and educators explore, question, and learn together".

So much strength comes from the sharing of our culture and our language. We strive to make our culture visible and heard within our centre. If you have something to share with Migizoons, it would be an excellent way to become involved with our Centre.

## **Emergency Child Care for Essential Workers**

To reduce the risk of spread of COVID-19 in the child care centre, the following requirements are currently in place:

- Avoid gathering groups in one area (example, cubby room or outside).
- > Avoid holding hands.
- Avoid sharing of toys and materials between children, where possible, without disrupting play.
- Families must remain in the *drop off/pick-up area* and are not permitted to enter the child care centre.
- No visitors allowed.
- Reduce the child to educator ratios.
- Reduce child care centre operating capacity. (Cohort A or B)
- Same children stay together with educator.
- Small groups rotate through available space indoors and outdoors.
- > Children must remain in their assigned cohort and remain in the same classroom.
- Set up activities to provide larger distance between each child
- ➤ Place cots 2 meters apart where possible.

### **Our Requirements**

- First and foremost, ensure all health and safety procedures are always in place; safety exceeds the curriculum.
- Our Centre has created a child care drop-off and pick-up procedure that facilitates physical distancing.
- Our Educators develop a routine and schedule to meet the needs of the child's wellbeing.
- ➤ Plan activities that support the interests and needs of the children.

Room capacities have been lowered; therefore, we must be flexible with the number of activities provided at one time. For example, here are a few strategies that staff utilize:

- Toys can be taken out of rotation and disinfected if there is enough variety and toys for the children.
- Individualized sensory activities (water, sand, etc.) during COVID-19 operation.
- > Separate activities for children; maintaining physical distancing regulations.
- Some play areas may be closed at times (morning or afternoon) for disinfecting.

- Support play by encouraging best practice when it comes to common areas. (i.e., encouraging children to wear a mask when physical distancing cannot be maintained).
- > Toys that are harder to clean will be removed from the play equipment (fabric or porous material)

Children naturally play in close physical proximity. There is no requirement to separate children during play; rather, we are implementing additional precautions like screening and enhanced disinfection to reduce the spread of illness. When choosing groups, focus will be placed on keeping the same children and staff together, when possible, to reduce the spread of illness. While outside, younger children will play in fenced areas or in strollers where physical distancing will apply.

### **Child Care Procedures for COVID-19**

At this time, during the pandemic, Migizoons Child Care Centre can only offer limited, shared childcare spaces to essential workers of our community, due to the lower number of classroom cohorts (maximum amount of staff and children per room), set out by local Public Health and Health Canada to reduce to risk and ensure the health and safety of the children, families, and staff. *No non-essential visitors:* Non-essential visitors are not allowed to enter the child care setting at this time. Migizoons will notify parent/caregiver(s) when this changes.

The Child Care Manager will remain on site during all hours of operation.

#### Please ensure your registration forms are up to date:

- Address of your workplace, in the event of an emergency;
- > Telephone number where you can be reached in the event of an emergency;
- A list of emergency contacts and their phone numbers;
- Please ensure that an up-to-date immunization record is at the Centre or your service will be suspended until Migizoons has the record in your child's file. (This is a Policy put forth by the Ministry of Education.)

The Registration Package will be available on the Wasauksing website <a href="www.wasauksing.ca">www.wasauksing.ca</a> as an attachment to this Handbook or you can call Migizoons Child Care Manager (Jen Colson) at 705-746-2654 or cell 705-346-1748.

NOTE: Currently, Migizoons is only servicing children in the School-Age Program that have parent/caregivers that are essential workers in our community through the Emergency Child Care Program.

## Drop-off/Pick-Up

Migizoons Child Care Centre has developed a drop-off/pick-up procedure that enforces current best practice when it comes to preventing the spread of illnesses.

This is best practice that Migizoons follows:

- 1. We will start the screening process just inside the gate to the centre.
- 2. All staff will have on approved personal protective equipment (PPE) as recommended by local Public Health.
- 3. There will be lines, arrows and signage to help you and your child/children navigate the process.
- 4. We will ask parents/caregivers to wear a mask and use hand sanitizer at the start of the screening process.
- 5. You will then be asked some screening questions; your temperature will be taken, and all the information will be recorded.
- 6. A second staff member will then assist your child to wash his/her hands before entering the Centre.
- 7. Personal possessions are not permitted at this time during the pandemic.
- 8. Families will have to say their goodbyes outdoors.
- 9. A staff member will then escort your child to his or her room.

## **Screening Process**

Covid-19 Screening Process:

- 1. Fill out COVID-19 Screening form at home.
- 2. Bring form to FRONT of Child Care Centre where a Staff Member #1 will review form.
- 3. Once your form has been reviewed Staff Member #2 will escort your child to their room.
- 4. Your child will then have their temperature taken a second time from Staff Member #2.
- 5. IF you do not bring your form, it is **YOUR** responsibility to fill out the form once you arrive at Migizoons Child Care Centre. (Form can be provided to you)
- 6. For an alternative submission of the COVID-19 screening questions, you can submit your result via email to childcare@wasauksing.ca.

The website is: <a href="https://covid-19.ontario.ca/index.html">https://covid-19.ontario.ca/index.html</a>

(\*Must be done prior to drop-off of child and reviewed by Child Care Manager.)

This is a daily requirement under the direction of Local Public Health, the Ministry of Health, and the Ministry of Education.

## Signs and Symptoms of COVID-19

- Fever (equal or greater than 38°Celsius or 100.4°Fahrenheit)
- Cough & Chest Congestion
- Muscle Aches and Tiredness
- Difficulty Breathing
- And less commonly: sore throat, headache, diarrhea, nausea, stomach pains, rash

If the parent/caregiver on behalf of the child(ren) answers" NO" to all questions, they have passed the screening process.

If the parent/caregiver on behalf of the child(ren) answers "YES" to any of the questions or refuses to complete the form, no-one in the family can enter the Centre.

The Child Care Manager or designate will explain that because you answered "YES" to one or more of the Ministry of Health screening questions, Migizoons is unable to let you enter the program and recommends that the family reach out to our Local Health Unit or call Telehealth at 1-866-797-0000.

All childcare staff, children, and parents/caregivers are required to take their temperature before arriving at the childcare centre. Anyone who has a temperature of 38°C (100.4°F) or greater, must not come to the childcare centre. Parents/caregivers are required to inform the Childcare Manager immediately. Please be assured that confidentiality will be respected.

## Tracking of Symptoms of III Health

The Child Care Manager or designate is responsible for monitoring all staff symptoms of ill health during the day.

Staff are responsible for monitoring children throughout the day for symptoms of ill health. If staff observe children with symptoms of ill health, they must report their observation to the Child Care Manager or designate immediately.

## Isolating an III Child or Staff Member: See Appendix A

One room is designated for isolating a child that becomes ill during operational hours. One staff member will remain with the child in isolation to continue to provide childcare until the parent/caregiver picks up their child(ren).

The room will have a door that can close and must be approved by Public Health. All Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) must be in place that is known by all staff in the event this process is enacted (masks, gloves, cot, lined bucket etc.)

If a child is observed to have symptoms related to COVID-19 or any other communicable illness, the child must be isolated from the group under the supervision of one staff member. Tissues are provided to the child for proper respiratory etiquette with proper disposal of the tissues and proper hand hygiene.

Childcare Manager will call the parents/caregiver for immediate pick-up and call public health for further directions. The Childcare Manager or designate will also advise the parent to contact their healthcare provider or call Telehealth at 1-866-797-0000 and/or the Wasauksing First Nation Nursing Station at (705) 746-8022.

Staff should keep as much distance as possible from the ill child, while maintaining appropriate supervision. At minimum childcare staff and child will wear a mask, if tolerated, from the time the child is moved into the isolation room with the staff member to the time they leave the childcare centre.

Upon arrival at the Centre, the parent/caregiver will use the cell number provided to confirm their arrival at the Centre. The Childcare Manager or designate will allow the parent/caregiver into the lobby screening area where the parent/caregiver will wait for the child to be delivered to them by the staff member who is attending to the child in the isolation room. After the child is picked up, the Centre will ensure that a deep clean and disinfecting occurs for the child bedding, cot, equipment and disinfecting of the entire isolation room. The areas where the child was playing/toys must also be cleaned and disinfected.

### **Emergency Contact List and Site**

The Centre maintains an emergency contact list to ensure all staff know how to contact each other and all families.

#### Short term evacuation site:

Grassy area by the dumpster, in front of the Band Office.

#### Long term evacuation site is at:

The Elders' building on Geewadin Rd. Ph. 705-346-1748

## Hand hygiene – See Appendix B

Proper hand hygiene is the best way to prevent the spread of illness for staff and children. All staff and children will wash their hands with soap and water or hand sanitizer with alcohol solution, gels or wipes to maintain clean hands and fingernails throughout the day. We will ensure an adequate supply of liquid soap and paper towels in every washroom. Staff are instructed to ensure that they and the children wash their hands using liquid soap and running water for 20 seconds, which is enough time to sing Twinkle Twinkle Little Star. Staff are responsible for educating and supervising children to ensure they are hand-washing correctly.

#### Each staff member must wash their hands:

- After arriving to work and before leaving
- After removing gloves
- Before and after handling food, including eating
- After coughing, sneezing and blowing their nose or helping a child do the same
- After using the toilet or helping a child to use the toilet
- > After each child diaper change
- Before and after administering medication
- > Before and after administering First Aid
- Before and after cleaning and disinfecting
- Before and after using a mask and gloves
- After handling bodily fluids, contaminated water or laundry
- When hands are dirty
- > After playing outside

#### Children must wash their hands:

- After arriving at the Centre and before leaving
- > Before and after eating
- ➤ After coughing, sneezing, or blowing their noses
- > After using the toilet
- > After diaper change
- > After playing outside
- When hands are dirty

## Hand sanitizer – See Appendix C

- If soap and water are not available, hands can be cleaned with an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 70% alcohol; ensure all surfaces of the hands are covered and rubbed together until they feel dry. If there is no access to soap and water and the children are using the hand sanitizer, the children must be supervised until the hand sanitizer has dried.
- > Try to limit the use of hand sanitizer for adults.
- > Soap and water is the best method.
- We do not allow infants to use hand sanitizer.

## Respiratory etiquette

We require that each staff member and child:

- Cover their mouth and nose when they cough or sneeze with a tissue. If no tissue is available, sneeze into the crook of your arm.
- Immediately dispose of the tissue in a lined garbage bin with a lid. Wash hands immediately after disposing of used tissue.
- Keep hands away from face after sneezing or coughing.
- ➤ WASH HANDS IMMEDIATELY AFTER SNEEZING OR COUGHING

## **Diapering and toileting**

For diapering and toileting of children at the Centre we:

- Provide a separate bin for each child to store their extra diapers, creams, etc.
- Clean and disinfect bins regularly
- Discard gloves and wash hands after diapering each child
- > Assist each child to wash hands after toileting and each diaper change
- Clean and disinfect change table after each child
- ➤ Have increased the frequency of cleaning and disinfecting toilets, sinks, and after each toileting routine
- Provide a lined garbage bin with a lid to dispose of used diapers.
- Will allow children under 6 to use the open concept washroom. School age children 6+ have access to washrooms in the school age room.

## **Cleaning and disinfecting**

Cleaning involves removing all visible dirt from the surface of an object. To clean, our staff uses spray cleaner as well as wipes.

Disinfecting is done after cleaning to reduce germs on the surface.

#### Centre staff:

- Are trained on the correct concentration of disinfectant to use during outbreaks.
- Check to ensure that disinfectant is not expired.
- Leave disinfectant on surfaces for the correct contact time.
- Follow the strict guidelines for use (let sit for required time and rinse) when using bleach. Children are away from tables or other surfaces when they are being disinfected by staff. Preferably, toys are washed in the dishwasher; only the toys that cannot go through the dishwasher will be washed using bleach or other approved products.
- Read the label on the approved disinfectant or look up the manufacturer's instructions on the internet to determine which PPE is required. Typically, PPE is only required if cleaning up bodily fluid. For example; vomit, urine, stool, saliva, mucus, or blood.
- Always wash their hands after removing gloves.

#### Staff clean and disinfect:

- When children are not present.
- Before children arrive each day.
- > Tables before eating.
- All high touch areas.
- Shared toys/equipment after children leave the room.
- All cubbies after children have left for the day.
- Toys after a child puts a toy in their mouth, sneezes, or coughs on it.
- Washrooms including sink faucets, toilet flusher, and soap dispensers frequently throughout the day and after every washroom routine.
- Outdoor toys as per public health guidelines

#### **Enhanced Cleaning Includes:**

- The use of anti-bacterial hand sanitizer and disposable gloves.
- The use of sanitizers for all electronic devices, such as iPads, after each use.
- Cleaning and disinfecting common areas.
- Wiping surfaces after each use.

#### In cleaning and disinfecting bodily fluids:

- Treat all bodily fluids (example; urine, vomit, blood, etc.) as potentially infectious.
- Wear single use non-latex gloves when there may be contact with another person's body.
- Wear a mask when cleaning up vomit or bodily fluids from a contaminated surface.
- May use an apron, gown, or separate set of clothes if direct contact is likely to occur.

#### The steps staff follow to clean and disinfect body fluids are set out as follows:

- 1. Put on gloves and mask
- 2. Clean up bodily fluids using a disposable absorbent cloth.
- 3. Clean the area with an approved spray cleaner, then rinse off area.
- 4. Disinfect the area using the manufacturer recommended concentration and contact time.
- 5. Discard contaminated paper towel, gloves, etc. in a plastic bag. The bag will be tied closed and placed in regular trash.
- 6. Contaminated clothing can be wrapped, tied, and closed in a plastic bag, and sent home for cleaning. Normal detergent and cycles are effective.
- 7. Wash hands after removing gloves.

## **Rest and sleep**

We are mindful of the value of rest and sleep each day. In new situations it may be difficult for children to fall asleep. For non-sleepers staff will offer alternate quiet activities. To ensure that social distancing is followed during sleep time, cots will be placed 2 meters apart where possible, the minimum being a 1-metre apart head-to-toe set-up.

Staff will:

- Wash blankets every day with regular detergent on regular cycle
- Disinfect cots prior to stacking
- Not stack blankets and sheets with cots
- Ensure children only take out plush toys/blankets at sleep time and do not share them with anyone. We ask that the parent/caregiver provide any toy/ blanket in a zip-lock bag as a best practice and refrain from bringing the plush toy/blanket back and forth from home.

#### Medication

The Child Care Manager or designate:

- Is responsible for administering prescription medication, except for emergency medication.
- Follows regular procedure for medication.
- Ensures all medications are sent home at the end of the day with the parent/caregiver.
- Wears proper protective PPE and mask while administering medication (example, wears gloves where contact is likely to occur)

### **Anaphylaxis**

Anaphylaxis is a severe potentially life-threatening allergic reaction. It can occur within seconds or minutes of exposure to something a person is allergic to, such as peanuts or bee stings. To protect our children and staff we:

- Ensure families and staff are aware of our policy on peanuts/nuts
- > Follow regular procedure for anaphylaxis
- Ensure all medications are sent home at the end of the day
- Request that families do not bring lunch/snacks into daycare as per regular procedure If there are special circumstances where food must be brought into the Centre, for example a special diet, the Childcare Manager must approve this plan and our regular policy will take effect (label and proper storage). We ask that parents/ caregivers inform us of any allergies so that we may provide alternate food.

## **Food handling**

At the Centre, we designate one staff with a current Food Handlers Certificate to be responsible for handling snacks/lunch and do lunch checks. Thus, this person must not be the same person designated to cleaning and disinfecting, or the person designated to look after ill children.

- ➤ Best practice that Migizoons Child Care Centre follows is our meal time(s) are pre-plated and covered for all meals;
- ➤ No family-style-serving, where children serve themselves;
- If there are special meals, the plate is clearly labelled with the child's name;
- > Staff supervise children when eating so they do not share food;
- Food will be covered when not being served; and
- Where possible the Centre uses disposable dishes.

## Key messages for parent/caregivers relating to COVID-19

- You and your child(ren) will be screened each day for COVID-19.
- We encourage the same parent/caregiver (or alternate 18-year-old or older) to dropoff/pick-up each day.
- We request that drop-off/pick-up is limited to one person at a time.
- All of your child's belongings must be labeled.
- It is preferred that all belongings come in a wipeable bag.
- Diapers and wipes can be left overnight at the Centre.
- If someone in the household develops signs of COVID-19, the family should stay home and contact their healthcare provider and the Centre.
- No food may be brought into the Centre, unless approved by the Child Care Manager.
- Parents/caregivers/visitors are not permitted to enter the child care centre.
- Parents/caregivers are limited to the drop-off/pick-up area only.
- It is important to identify an emergency pick-up person.
- Blankets/sleepy toys must be freshly laundered each day.

## Personal protective equipment (PPE)

We train our staff on the procedures required by Public Health in wearing PPE.

Effective September 1, 2020, masks are to be worn in child care premises' during hours of operation. Those required to wear masks include:

- Migizoons Staff Members
- Wasauksing First Nation Staff
- Parents/Caregivers
- All children in grades 1 and above are required to wear a non-medical or cloth mask while inside in the child care premises, including in hallways.

#### Expectations for adults in a child care setting:

- All child care staff, home child care providers, home child care visitors and placement students are required to wear medical masks and eye protection (i.e., face shield or googles) while inside a child care setting, including in hallways and staff rooms (unless eating but time with masks off should be limited and physical distance should be maintained).
- All child care staff, home child care providers, home child care visitors and placement students are required to wear medical masks outdoors when a distance of 2 metres cannot be maintained.
- All other adults (i.e., parents/guardians, and visitors) are required to wear a face covering or non-medical mask while inside the premises (see information about the use of face coverings on the provincial COVID-19 website).

#### Expectations for children:

- All children in grades 1 and above are required to wear a non-medical mask or face covering while inside a child care setting, including in hallways.
- All children in grades 1 and above are required to wear a non-medical mask or face covering outdoors when a distance of 2 metres cannot be maintained.
- ➤ Children younger than grade 1 are encouraged to wear a non-medical mask or face covering while inside a child care setting, including in hallways.
- Masks are not recommended for children under the age of two.
- > See information about the use of masks on the provincial **COVID-19 website**.
- Parents/guardians are responsible for providing their child(ren) with a nonmedical mask(s) or face covering each day and should be reminded that if children are wearing masks, they will require a way to store their mask when not in use.

#### All essential visitors:

Additional considerations: any person at the child care premises will be required to wear a mask if entering the "child care area," or otherwise interacting with childcare staff.

NOTE: NO NON-ESSENTIAL VISITORS INSIDE OF MIGIZOONS CHILD CARE CENTRE. UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

#### **Eye Protection**

Effective September 1st, all adults in a child care setting (i.e., child care staff, home child care providers, home child care visitors, and placement students) are required to wear medical masks and eye protection (i.e., face shield) while inside in the child care premises, including in hallways.

#### **Exceptions:**

- The use of masks is not required outdoors for adults or children if physical distancing of a least 2-metres can be maintained between individuals.
- Exceptions to wearing masks indoors could include circumstances where a physical distance of at least 2 metres can be maintained between individuals (i.e., nap/rest time) situations where a child cannot tolerate wearing a mask, reasonable exceptions for medical conditions, etc.
- Staff/child care providers can submit exception requests via email at childcare@wasauksing.ca for consideration.
- Masks are not recommended for children under the age of two (see information about the use of masks on the provincial (COVID-19 website).
- Where an individual has difficulty using disposable "medical" masks (due to breathing concerns, skin irritation, or other reasonable concern) an alternative mask such as a cloth mask is preferred to choosing not to wear a mask at all.

#### Cloth masks are required to:

- be cleaned after each use before wearing again.
- Replaced throughout the day whenever they become moist/damp
- > Eye protection is not required to be worn at the agency office if no children are present and social distancing protocols can be followed.

These instructions are available on the following website www.publichealthontario.ca.

## Managing a child or persons presenting COVID-19 symptoms:

The information below was sourced from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and Public Health Ontario recommendations. All of these situations require our staff to notify Public Health and take their direction on how best to proceed as these instructions could change daily depending on Public Health direction.

At the time this procedure was released, these procedures are required. The Centre will update any procedures as requested by local Public Health.

This (i.e., an incident where a person presents with COVID-19 symptoms) must be reported to Public Health. Failure to report is a serious offence within the Ministry of Education.

As stated above if a child, staff, or family member displays COVID-19 symptoms during the screening process they will be excluded from entering the childcare centre and immediately be asked to contact Public Health for further instructions. The Child Care Manager or designate will also inform local Public Health and follow their instructions.

If a staff member is informed that a child or any of the child's household members/contact are known to have symptoms of COVID-19, have a presumed or confirmed case of COVID-19, Public Health will be contacted and the child should be excluded from the childcare centre and we will follow local Public Health directions.

If a child or staff member develops symptoms of COVID-19 while at the childcare centre, staff will immediately separate the child and the parents/caregiver will be asked to pick up the child (masks must be worn). Staff members will be sent home immediately. The Child Care Manager will call and inform Public Health and follow their directions.

Parents/caregivers of children enrolled at the childcare centre will be notified if a child, staff, or parent/caregiver attending the childcare centre has tested positive for COVID-19. Staff and families are encouraged to mindfully track close interactions with others.

### **Important Resources:**

- National Covid Website: <a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/coronavirus-disease-covid-19.html">https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/coronavirus-disease-covid-19.html</a>
- Provincial COVID-19 website: https://covid-19.ontario.ca/index.html
- Child Care Centre Employer Guideline
- Public Health Ontario resources

## **Migizoons Child Care Centre**

Parents or caregivers COVID-19 Handbook Receipt Form

Parents/caregivers,

Please thoroughly review the Parent Handbook COVID-19 Edition. This document outlines the policies and procedures for Migizoons Childcare Centre. After reading the handbook, please complete this form and return it to the Childcare via email as soon as possible. This form will be kept in your child's file for the duration of the year.

Thank You in advance for your cooperation.
Sincerely,
Jen Colson, Childcare Manager childcare@wasauksing.ca
I, (print name), the parent/caregiver
Of (print child's name), hereby
acknowledge receipt of Migizoons Childcare Centre's Parent Handbook
COVID-19 edition. I have read and agree to adhere to all the polices and
regulations set forth in this handbook.
Parent/caregiver Signature:
Date:

#### Appendix A: What to Do if a Child or Staff Member Develops Symptoms

# If a Child Develops Any New Symptoms of Illness While in a Child Care Setting

If a Staff Member Develops Any New Symptoms of Illness While in a Child Care Setting

Staff must take the following steps:

- 1. Immediately separate the symptomatic child from others in a supervised area.
- 2. Contact the child's parent or caregiver to pick them up as soon as possible.
- 3. Where possible, maintain a two-metre distance from the ill child. If not possible, staff should wear a nonmedical mask or face covering if available and tolerated or use a tissue to cover their nose and mouth.
- 4. Provide the child tissues to cover their coughs or sneezes. Throw away used tissues as soon as possible and perform hand hygiene.
- 5. Avoid touching the child's body fluids (e.g., mucous, saliva). If you do, practice diligent hand hygiene.
- 6. Once the child is picked up, practice diligent hand hygiene.
- 7. Staff responsible for facility cleaning must clean and disinfect the space where the child was separated and any areas recently used by them (e.g., classroom, bathroom, common areas).

Parents or caregivers should pick up their child as soon as possible if they are notified their child is ill.

Staff should go home as soon as possible. If unable to leave immediately:

- 1. Symptomatic staff should separate themselves into an area away from others.
- 2. Maintain a distance of two metres from others.
- 3. Use a tissue or non-medical mask to cover their nose and mouth while they wait to be picked up.
- 4. Staff responsible for facility cleaning must clean and disinfect the space where the staff member was separated and any areas used by them (e.g., classroom, bathroom, common areas).

Children and staff should return to the child care facility according to the guidance in this document.

A health-care provider note should not be required for children or staff to return

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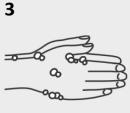
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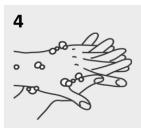
## How to wash your hands











warm water.

Lather soap and rub hands palm to palm.

Rub in between and around fingers.



Rub back of each hand with palm of other hand.



Rub fingertips of each hand in opposite palm.



Rub each thumb clasped in opposite hand.



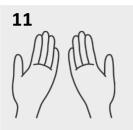
Rinse thoroughly under running water.



Pat hands dry with paper towel.



Turn off water using paper towel.



Your hands are now clean.

## How to use hand sanitizer





Apply 1 to 2 pumps of product to palms of dry hands.



Rub hands together, palm to palm.



Rub in between and around fingers.



Rub back of each hand with palm of other hand.



Rub fingertips of each hand in opposite palm.



Rub each thumb clasped in opposite hand.



Rub hands until product is dry. Do not use paper towels.



Once dry, your hands are clean.

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