

St. Andrew's Co-OP Playschool Inc.

Child Care COVID-19 Parent/Guardian Agreement

What is COVID-19? COVID-19 is a new strain of coronavirus that has not been previously seen in humans. The virus can cause symptoms like the common cold but can advance, in some cases, to severe respiratory illness or even death. COVID-19 can be spread from person to person, usually after close contact with someone infected with the virus. Physical distancing is recommended as one measure to limit the spread of illness, but is challenging to implement in the child care setting.

Health and Illness Protocol for COVID-19: To manage the risk of spreading illness within child care centres, Public Health has prescribed a comprehensive cleaning and sanitation routine and personal health care practices, including frequent hand washing, to be implemented in all programs. Public Health also requires daily screening of all individuals entering the child care setting to ensure the safety of the program. St. Andrew's Co-op adheres to Public Health guidelines.

Therefore, effective immediately, ALL CHILDREN attending St. Andrew's Co-op AND THEIR PARENTS/CAREGIVERS must **be screened** DAILY PRIOR TO ARRIVAL at **the child care centre**. In order for the screening to be complete, please take your temperature and your child(ren)'s temperature then phone the centre prior to arrival to answer the screening questions. Once this step is complete, and provided you and your child(ren) pass the screening, your child's attendance will be confirmed and your child may attend care. In addition to daily screening, all children will be monitored throughout the day for emerging signs and symptoms of illness.

As a Parent/Guardian, you can prevent the spread of illness. Please practice good hand hygiene prior to bringing your child(ren) to the centre. All children and staff who are ill with **any** of the following signs and symptoms must stay at home for 14 days from symptom onset:

At least one sign or symptom of respiratory infection including:

- fever (>37.8C, >100.04F) or has been given fever-reducing medication in the past 24 hours
- new or worsening cough
- shortness of breath
- sore throat
- difficulty swallowing
- unexplained/prolonged headache

- cannot taste or smell

OR At least one sign or symptom of gastroenteritis (vomiting and/or diarrhea);

OR Specific to children, not parents/caregivers, at least one sign or symptom of:

- unexplained fatigue, muscle aches
- altered mental status and inattention, • headaches
- croup
- pink eye
- unexplained fast heartbeat
- sluggishness or lack of appetite/difficulty feeding in infants

OR Any person in the household of the child or staff member who has been in close physical

someone who tested positive for COVID-19 contact with

OR Any person who has travelled outside of Canada in the last 14 days

All children and staff who are ill with any of the above noted symptoms must stay home for 14 days from symptom onset. **Children and staff are encouraged to be tested for COVID-19** and if results are returned as negative, children and staff are able to return to programming 24 hours after their symptoms resolve.

Any registered siblings of children who are ill are also required to be excluded until test results are known.

Notification to Public Health is required for all individuals with symptoms. Public Health will follow-up with the parent/guardian or staff and St. Andrew's Co-op of next steps.

Any updated signs or symptoms or requirements of Public Health will be communicated to all families and will be added to the daily screening.

If your child(ren) experiences **any** of the signs and symptoms listed above, or any additional signs or symptoms added by the Public Health, while at the child care program, staff will contact you or one of your emergency contacts to pick up your child(ren) immediately. While your child(ren) waits for you or your designate to arrive, they will be separated from the other children. COVID-19 testing may be required for any family member experiencing symptoms before the family can return to child care. Children with symptoms must be excluded from child care for 14 days after the onset of symptoms. This exclusion will also apply to children

exposed to a confirmed case of COVID-19 or to a symptomatic person(s). Please note that Public Health will be contacted if a child or parent develops these symptoms. We will work with Public Health and follow all of their direction - this could include the temporary closure of a room or the program.

To protect the health of all individuals at the child care centre, we ask that you call the child care centre to complete the daily screening questions over the phone with the supervisor or designate. Upon arrival at the centre, staff will ensure the daily screening has been recorded and your child(ren) has been deemed able to enter the centre, staff will open the exterior door and escort the child(ren) to their classroom. Parent(s)/caregiver(s) will not be permitted inside the centre. Pick-up and drop-off of child(ren) will occur outside the child care setting unless it is determined that there is a significant need for the parent(s)/caregiver(s) to enter the setting.

Items from Home

- Bottles and pacifiers can be brought from home and left at the centre with the centre taking responsibility for cleaning and disinfection while the child is in our care
- Diapers, creams, wipes and nut free sunscreen are to be supplied by the parent
- Personal items from home will not be permitted into the centre at this time
- A change of clothes can be left at the program
- There should be no food provided by the family (except where required and special precautions for handling and serving the food are put in place)

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COVID-19 Parent/Guardian Agreement

As a Parent/Guardian responsible for my child(ren) child care placement, I agree to the following:

I understand the risk of illness associated with placing my child(ren) in St. Andrew's Co-op Playschool Inc.

I understand that participant rules will be provided for my child's safety. I recognize and understand those rules will not and do not eliminate risk of harm to my child and I hereby acknowledge and agree that participation in St. Andrew's Co-op comes with inherent risks including but in no way limited to those stemming from contracting infectious diseases such as SARS-CoV-2 and COVID-19.

Notwithstanding the generality of the conditions above, I agree to be responsible for any damage to St. Andrew's Co-op property and equipment or injury caused by my child.

COVID-19 - I will take actions to prevent the spread of COVID-19; I agree to adhere to physical distancing guidelines in effect in the Province of Ontario and the Public Health Unit or as directed by St. Andrew's Co-op staff/volunteers while engaging with staff and participants. I will follow screening guidelines and adhere to daily check-in recommendations regarding my child's attendance at St. Andrew's Co-op. I agree to all screening requirements and to report accurate temperatures daily for all family members screened. Misrepresentation of temperatures or the screening questions will result in the termination of my child care placement.

I agree to exclude ALL of my children from St. Andrew's Co-op services immediately upon observing any of the above signs or symptoms of illness in my child(ren) until Public Health has determined my child(ren) can return to the Child Care.

I confirm that I have carefully read, understand and agree to the above provisions.

Parent Name:

Parent Signature:

Date:
