

Sandbox Tech Child Care
Pandemic Emergency Child Care
Children's Health & Safety- Exclusion Policy During Covid-19
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Scope

Sandbox Tech Child Care is committed to providing a safe and healthy environment for children, families and employees. Sandbox Tech Child Care will take every reasonable precaution to prevent the risk of communicable diseases within all our locations including a screening tool upon arrival.

Purpose

To ensure that all staff are aware of and adhere to the directive established by WDGPH Public Health, and Ministry of Education regarding the exclusion of sick staff and/or children attending the Centre.

Exclusion Policy

Legislative Authority/ Regulations/ Guidelines

Child Care and Early Years Act

Operational Guidance During COVID-19 Outbreak

WDGPH Health Department

Procedure

As required by the Child Care and Early Years Act, 2014 (CCEYA), child care employees must separate children of ill health and contact parents/guardians to pick up their child immediately.

When children are ill and/or exhibit COVID-19 related symptoms.

The staff will ensure the following will be implemented:

When to exclude

Staff and children should be excluded when there are signs and/or symptoms that are greater than normal, or if a child is unable to participate in regular programming because of illness.

Common symptoms of COVID-19 include: Children with these symptoms should stay home to isolate immediately and parents are to contact their Childs health

care provider for further advice or assessment including if the child needs a COVID-19 test or other treatment.

- Fever (temperature of 37.8°C or greater)
- New or worsening cough (more than usual if chronic) including croup.
- Shortness of breath (dyspnea)
- Decrease or loss of smell and taste

Other symptoms of COVID-19 can include: Children with these symptoms should stay home for 24 hours from when symptoms start. IF the symptom is improving child may return to care when they feel well enough to do so. A negative COVID-19 test is NOT required to return. If symptom persists or worsens, parents are to contact their Child's health care provider for further advice or assessment, including if their child needs a COVID-19 test or other treatment. IF the child has 2 or more of these symptoms the child should stay home to isolate immediately, parents are to contact their child's health care provider for further advice or assessment, including if the child needs a COVID-19 test or other treatment.

- Sore throat
- Runny nose, nasal congestion
- Headache
- Nausea/vomiting, diarrhea, abdominal pain
- Fatigue, lethargy, muscle aches or malaise

How to Exclude

The staff will ensure the following will be implemented:

1. Ill or symptomatic child will be removed from the classroom and separated into the designated exclusion room with hand sanitizer available, or when that is not possible the child will be given a space to themselves in the classroom with a staff member nearby to help eliminate the contact with other children and staff.
2. The parent/guardian of the ill child will be notified to pick up their child immediately
3. The child will be monitored by a staff until parent/guardian pick up
4. Symptoms of illness will be recorded in the classroom log book.
5. If the child requires immediate medical attention, the child will be taken to the hospital by ambulance with a staff member and examined by a legally qualified medical practitioner or a nurse registered under the Health Disciplines Act. R.R.O. 1990, Reg. 262, s. 34 (3)
6. Only one staff should be in the designated room and attempt physical distancing from the ill child maintaining a distance of 2 meters. If physical

distancing of 2 meters cannot be maintained, staff should wear a surgical/procedure mask, eye protection and gloves and should perform hand hygiene and attempt to not touch their face with unwashed hands. The ill child should also wear a surgical/procedure mask if it is tolerated and the child is above the age of two

7. Staff should not interact with others while waiting with ill child
8. Staff should avoid contact with the child's respiratory secretions
9. Tissues should be provided to the child for proper respiratory etiquette, with proper disposal of the tissues and proper hand hygiene
10. Increase ventilation in the designated exclusion room if possible (e.g., open windows)
11. Clean and disinfect the area immediately after the child has been sent home
12. Items that cannot be cleaned (paper, books, cardboard puzzles) should be removed and stored in a sealed container and may be returned to the classroom after 3 days.
13. Staff and children who were in the same room with the ill child will be cohorted and WDGPH will provide further direction on testing and isolation of these individuals
14. The Supervisor or the designated staff will contact WDGPH Child Care Health Resource at 1-800-265-7293 ext. 7006 or Telehealth Ontario at 1-866-797-0000 and follow the