

Sandbox Tech Child Care

Children's Health & Safety - Protocols During COVID -19 For Programming

We at Sandbox Tech Child Care believe that the health and safety of our children, families and staff is our main priority. Sandbox Tech Child Care believes in ensuring all children receive the best possible care. During an Outbreak/COVID-19 we must consider the health and well being of everyone at the centre. Sandbox Tech Child Care has put the following precautions in place to ensure the health and safety of everyone is in place.

Legislative Authority/ Regulations/ Guidelines

Child Care and Early Years Act

Operational Guidance During COVID-19 Outbreak

WDGPH Health Department

Requirements_for_Health_and_Safety

- Ensure all current infection prevention and control practices are adhered to. This includes, but is not limited to:
- Ensuring all toys used at the centre are made of material that can be cleaned and disinfected (plush toys, books with fabric, feathers etc will be kept out of reach of the children)
- Increasing the frequency of cleaning and disinfecting objects, toys and frequently touched surfaces;
- Frequently touched surfaces are most likely to become contaminated, including doorknobs, light switches, toilet handles, and tabletops, and must

be disinfected at least twice a day;

- Only using disinfectants that have a Drug Identification Number (DIN). Low-level hospital grade disinfectants or bleach and water can be used at a ratio of 1:500 or 1/2 teaspoon of bleach to 1 litre of water.
- Checking expiry dates of products used and always following the manufacturer's instructions;
- Performing proper hand hygiene (including assisting children with hand hygiene); and
- Incorporating additional hand hygiene opportunities into the daily schedule.
- Daily temperature checks will be after 15 mins of rest time and before child is picked up

Encourage more physical space between children by:

- Spreading children out into different areas; Maximum of 2 children in each area/table with a 2-meter distance being kept.
- Staggering, or alternating lunchtime and outdoor playtime. 1 group in Preschool outdoor play area at a time and 1 group in Toddler play area at time.
- Incorporating more individual activities or activities that encourage more space between children. Children will be provided individual craft supplies labelled with their name for their use only. Maximum of 2 children per play area while social distancing. Each area will be disinfected before being used again.
- Do not use water or sensory tables
- Do not use community playgrounds; however outdoor play at licensed child care sites are encouraged in small groups in order to encourage physical distancing.
- Increase the distance between nap cots, if possible. If space is tight, place children head-to-toe or toe-to-toe. Cots and cribs should be disinfected after each use.
- Linens must be laundered between children.
- Children must not share soothers, bottles, sippy cups, facecloths, etc. Label

these items with the child's name to discourage accidental sharing.

- No food sharing or using the sharing of feeding utensils
- If meals or snacks are provided, ensure each child has their own individual meal or snack. Multi-use utensils must be sanitized.
- When holding infants and toddlers, use blankets or cloths over child care providers clothing and change the blankets or cloths between children.
- To support physical distancing with infants/toddlers; activities will be planned with materials that do not involve shared objects/ toys and if possible using the outdoor toddler playground to allow more space
- Any mouthed toys must be removed immediately for cleaning and disinfecting and must not be shared with other children.
- Avoid getting close to faces of all children, where possible. If a child care provider needs to come in close contact with child the following steps will be taken: Provider will wash hands, put on face mask and cover their body with blanket/gown. Once contact is done they will remove mask and blanket/gown to be washed and thoroughly wash hands.

Pick-Up and Drop off for COVID 19

- All individuals, including children, parents/guardians and staff must be screened upon arrival. Deny entry to any person including the child of a parent/guardian who has any of the symptoms outlined in the 'COVID-19 Reference Document for Symptoms' on the Ministry of Health's COVID-19 website. Children in particular should be monitored for atypical symptoms and signs of COVID-19.
- Pick-up and drop-off of children should happen outside the child care setting or unless it is determined that there is a need for the parent/guardian to enter the setting.

Steps for Drop off:

1. Walking entrance from the side walk to the main entrance will be marked 2 meters for parents and children to stand.
2. Screening will happen outside by the main entrance of Sandbox Tech Child Care by a staff member. Screening will consist of temperature check,

Covid-19 screening Tool provided by Dufferin county, hand sanitizer will be available for child and parents.

3. Once cleared the child will then be brought in by a staff member the child's items will be sprayed with the approved disinfectant, the staff will maintain the social distance while bringing the child to the classroom, if unable to the staff will have the appropriate PPE (mask, blanket over the staff)

Steps for Pick up:

1. Parents are to call or message the office from the parking lot or arrange at pick up time for their child or Children
2. A staff member will bring the child to the parking lot near our office window for the parent to pick up.

Staff.

- Staff will only be in their classrooms. Visiting other classrooms or covering teachers is not allowed.