

Sandbox Tech Child Care
Children's Health & Safety-Sanitary Health and Safety
Protocols During Covid-19
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Scope

Sandbox Tech Child Care believes in ensuring that all children, families, employees at our centre receive the best possible care. During Covid -19 we must consider the Health and Well-being of everyone at our Centre. Sandbox Tech Child Care has put the following policy and procedures in place to ensure that we take every reasonable precaution to prevent the risk of communicable diseases within our centre.

Legislative_Authority/_Regulations/_Guidelines

Child Care Early Years Act (CCEYA) 2014, O. Reg. 137/15

Operational Guidance During COVID-19 Outbreak

Public Health Ontario, Cleaning and Disinfection for Public Settings

Public Health Ontario, Hand Hygiene

COVID-19 Emergency Child Care Guidance: Emergency

Procedure

All products including cleaning agents and disinfectants must be out of reach of children, labelled, and must have Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS) up to date (within three years), which are stored in the office.

Cleaning

1. Use detergent and warm water to clean visibly soiled surfaces
2. Rinse the surface with clean water (warm temperature preferred) to ensure detergent is removed
3. Let the surface dry

Disinfecting

Staff are to use our 1/2 teaspoon bleach to 1 litre of water Bleach and water solution (prepared daily) as a disinfectant.

1. For general environmental disinfection of high touch surfaces large toys and equipment that cannot be immersed in a soap and water, use a wet cloth soaked in soap and water and spray our bleach and water solution. Let it sit for one minute before use.
2. For all other toy cleaning and disinfecting first clean toys in soap and water solution followed by soaking a spray of bleach and water solution. Let it sit for one minute before use.

The following plan will be implemented:

1. A cleaning and disinfecting log will be used to keep track and demonstrate cleaning schedules.
2. Clean and disinfect upon **ENTRY** to child care (for staff): will include any hard surfaces such as water bottles, travel mugs, cell phones, lunch containers
3. Clean with Soap and Water children's **ENTRY** to child care: will include any hard surfaces such as water bottles, containers, backpacks. Backpacks will stay at the centre for the week once the child arrives back on their first day so we can reduce the amount of times a bag is transferred between home and the centre.

The following will be implemented for the clean and disinfect frequencies for other surfaces and items:

1. Tables and countertops: used for food preparation and food service must be cleaned and disinfected before and after each use.
2. Spills must be cleaned and disinfected immediately.
3. Toys that have been in a child's mouth will be washed and disinfected before being used by other children.

4. Hand wash sinks: staff and children washroom areas must be cleaned and disinfected at least two times per day and as often as necessary (i.e., when visibly dirty or contaminated with body fluids).
5. Floors: cleaning and disinfecting must be performed as required (i.e., when spills occur, and throughout the day when rooms are available) e.g., during outdoor play
6. Outdoor play equipment: must be cleaned and disinfected before use, and as required (i.e., visibly dirty). Any outdoor play equipment that is used must be easy to clean and disinfect

Staff Distancing

- Staff should respect the 2-meter recommendations from the Province. Staff should not gather for lunch, break or other activities.
- Staff should not carpool with other staff.
- staff breaks will be staggered so staff will be able to physical distance coming in and out of the centre and still be absent from other cohorts
- staff arrivals will be staggered by cohort to reduce the amount of traffic coming in and out of the centre at the same time

Pre-Planned Group Events and In-Person Meetings

All staff meetings and group meetings will be done while physical distancing. If physical distancing will not be feasible then masks will be required to be worn, along with continued hand hygiene.

Any meetings that need to be had whether it is with Ministry, DCAFS, County or parent we will do our best to do these meetings over the phone or online. IF an in person meeting is needed then physical distancing will be adhered to or masks will be worn.