



SWEET CHERRY BLOSSOM DAYCARE

COVID 19 POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

Pick-up and Drop-Off Policy

- Upon arrival at daycare please ensure that the gate is left **open** for the next parent and child/children to enter easily. This avoids the next parent and child/children arriving in having to touch the latch and doorknob. One of the caregivers will ensure that the gate is securely closed after the last child arrives at daycare
- Pick-up and drop-off of children must occur outside the daycare
- If a parent must enter the daycare, they should maintain physical distance from staff and other children present and be reminded to practice diligent hand hygiene and maintain physical distance when they are in the daycare
- Parents and caregivers that are symptomatic must not enter the daycare
- Timings are staggered as much as possible for pick-up and drop-off. If parents by chance arrive with their children at the same time as another family, each family should maintain as much physical distance as possible
- Staff ensure to sign the child in and out of daycare to avoid spread of bacteria

General Sick Policy Guideline for Children and Staff:

PARENTS MUST COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING HEALTH CHECK PRIOR TO THEIR CHILD ENTERING THE DAYCARE:

Please refrain from sending your child into daycare with one or more of the following symptoms until they resolve. Does your child have any of these symptoms? (If you are a staff member, the same would apply)

- Fever or chills
- Persistent runny nose
- Persistent sneezing or coughing
- Any thick coloured nasal discharge (could be indicative of an infection)
- New loss of taste or smell
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Diarrhea

- Nausea or vomiting
- Stomach ache
- Rash / mouth sores
- Lethargy (does not have the ability to participate in activities)
- Headache
- Muscle or body aches
- Poor appetite or poor feeding

If you are concerned that your child has been exposed to Covid-19/Covid-19 variants please see the following information and inform care providers:

http://www.bccdc.ca/Health-Info-Site/Documents/COVID_public_guidance/When_to_get_tested.pdf

PLEASE DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO DAYCARE UNTIL SYMPTOMS RESOLVE

Does your child have symptoms that indicate a communicable disease or has your child been recently diagnosed with a communicable disease? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If you answered “yes”, you must provide Sweet Cherry Blossom Daycare with a doctor’s note clearing your child for a return to daycare.

Given the Covid-19 pandemic surge of cases due to variants such as the Delta variant, Omicron, along with influenza and other cold viruses (especially during colder seasons) and taking into consideration the health and safety of immunocompromised children who are enrolled in our daycare, a child’s frequent runny nose is now included in the symptoms above. We will review and discuss with respective parents each situation on a case by case basis. A specialist report may also be requested by the daycare in the case of seasonal allergies or a medical condition that causes the nose to drip.

PLEASE NOTE:

ALL parents must abide by the Policies and Procedures. Failure to abide by

the Illness Policy may result in terminating the parent provider contract with reasonable notice given.

SYMPTOMS OF ILLNESS AT DAYCARE POLICY AND PROCEDURE

Upon drop off; if the staff identify that the child displays symptoms of the common cold, influenza, COVID-19, or other respiratory disease, **the child will not be able to enter the daycare and must go home immediately with his/her parent(s).**

If the child displays symptoms of sickness during the day at daycare, the caregiver(s) will notify the parents promptly to pick up their child. The child that is displaying symptoms will be quickly separated from the other children and be moved to a secure and safe place to rest until the parent(s) pick up their child. One staff member will monitor the child and will maintain a safe distance of 2 meters from the child. The staff member will attend to the child's needs by providing tissues, fluids and any other comforts that the child requires until pick up. The daycare will open windows for cross ventilation.

Children should make a full recovery before returning to care. It is mandatory that staff notify the manager if they are feeling unwell and presenting symptoms of sickness even during the course of the day. Staff will be sent home immediately and switch off with another staff member if they present symptoms of sickness at daycare. Staff will stay at home in the case that they are unwell, and another staff member will be present at daycare.

Cleaning and Disinfection Procedures

- Staff regularly clean the daycare throughout the day to avoid the spread of bacteria. At the end of each day, after the departure of all children, the facility is thoroughly vacuumed and swabbed. Toys are disinfected as well as all touched surfaces inside the daycare and outside, doorknobs, light switches, faucet handles, tables, counters, chairs, outside play equipment, as well as any electronic devices. Stuffed animals and other plush toys are washed and put through the dryer on a daily basis.
- Garbage containers are emptied and disinfected on a daily basis.

- Disposable gloves are worn when cleaning blood or body fluids (e.g., runny nose, vomit, stool, urine). Staff make sure to wash their hands before wearing gloves and after removing gloves.
- Sleeping mats are disinfected after each use and bed linens are laundered on a daily basis.
- Diapering station is thoroughly cleaned after each use. Spare clothes are stored in individual labeled bins to keep the children's clothes separate. All dirty clothes are laundered, and for those garments that are soiled with urine or stool are washed separately from other children's clothing.

Physical Distancing Procedures

- Staff, children and parents avoid close greetings (e.g., hugs, handshakes).
- Staff ensure that a safety mask is worn throughout the day
- Children are regularly reminded to keep "Hands to yourself".
- Children are organized into smaller group activities throughout the day to try to minimize direct physical contact as much as possible.
- Nap mats and sleeping areas are spread out to avoid close contact.
- Toys that are used in daycare encourage individual play versus toys that encourage group play. This decreases the likelihood of physical contact.
- Snack and lunch take place outside as much as possible, especially during warmer weather.
- If children display symptoms of illness at daycare there is a separate, supervised area that they can rest until picked up. The area is thoroughly cleaned after the child leaves from daycare.
- Parents drop off children and pick up children outside the daycare. Only caregivers and children are to be present in the daycare. This minimalizes the number of additional adults entering the daycare.

Hand Hygiene Procedures

- Children and staff wash their hands diligently throughout the day for at least 20 seconds (singing a song or counting) with plain soap and water as this is the single most effective way to reduce the spread of illness.

- Staff ensure that children wash their hands as much as possible for example when a child picks his/her nose and after sneezing or coughing. Also, children are encouraged to cough and sneeze into their arm.

Children and staff must wash their hands:

- Upon arrival and as soon as they enter daycare
- At the end of each day before going home
- Before and after art and craft activities where the child/staff will be handling materials
- Before and after handling/ eating food and drink
- Before and after diaper changing/bathroom breaks
- Before and after outside playtime and transitions
- When hands are visibly dirty

Other Important Notes:

- Children and staff do not share food, drinks, soothers, bottles, sippy cups, facecloths, and other personal items.
- The child's personal belongings should be labeled with the child's name to avoid accidental sharing.
- Children are not permitted to prepare or serve food.
- Parents are encouraged to bring minimal personal comfort items (e.g., stuffies) if they are clean and can be laundered at the end of each day.

Please ensure you have read, understood and agree to abide by the daycares policies and procedures during COVID 19 by signing below

Print name: _____ Signature required _____ Date: _____