

# **CORONATION MONTESSORI PRESCHOOL**

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## **Policies and Procedures regarding Covid-19**

### **Public Health & Work Safe Requirements for**

#### **Early Childhood Settings:**

#### **Daily Health Screening Requirements:**

#### **ACCORDING TO THE BCCDC WEBSITE**

You are required to assess your child's health **daily**, for symptoms of common cold, influenza, covid-19, or other infectious respiratory disease.

If you or your child are experiencing any of the checklist symptoms, please call and let the preschool know and then call HealthLink B.C. at 811. Parents will bring their child in at the beginning of the class and sign them in. Parents are asked to do this one at a time for social distancing. Parents will greet their child outside once the class is over. Staff are also required to stay home if experiencing any of the symptoms on the checklist and to call 811 and follow their guidance before returning to work.

***(Changes to this will be at the direction of Work Safe and Interior Health)***

In your emergency permission form, you will be asked to complete this section indicating that you understand the daily requirements to assess your child's health.

All students and employees who:

- have symptoms of common cold, influenza, covid-19 or other infectious respiratory diseases, or
- have travelled outside Canada in the last 14 days, or
- were identified as a close contact of a confirmed case or outbreak

**Must stay home**, seek assessment from a healthcare provider and self-isolate as they await results. Once results and guidance from a health care provider are received (indicating it is safe to return to pre-school, and symptoms have resolved for 24 hours, the student or employee may return to pre-school. If a parent or close contact tests positive for covid, your child must stay home until the test is negative and the CDC guidelines are followed for the length of the isolation.

Please refer to the BCCDC WEBSITE

This includes children of essential service workers.

Students and employees who experience seasonal allergies which are related to an existing condition that is documented in our records upon registering may continue to attend pre-school when they are experiencing these symptoms providing they are seasonal allergy symptoms and that you have had a medical note from your child's physician confirming seasonal allergies.

Students and employees **may** attend pre-school if a member of their household is experiencing cold, influenza or covid-19 symptoms, provided that they are asymptomatic. If the household member tests positive for covid-19, their child must remain home until cleared by a health care provider.

### **Educating your Pre-Schooler**

Please explain to your child/ren before they arrive at pre-school that to ensure their safety and well being there have been a number of new policies put in place to help keep them safe.

Teach your child about their safe space (physical distancing)

Teach them how to greet someone without touching them and also how to move around and interact safely with their peers.

Please also review the importance of hand washing, using their elbows for a sneeze or cough and the importance of a tissue for their nose and then washing their hands afterwards.

### **Health and Safety**

Pre-Schools are governed by the Interior Health Authority. See Interior Health's *Child Care Health and Safety* for the up to date information.

### **Physical distancing and limited contact:**

The pre-school class will consist of a class of 8 children. Because of the ages of the children, it is important that they are able to see the faces of the staff as much as possible for visual cues. The pre-school will limit the number of visitors to a bare minimum in order to protect the staff and children as much as possible. Children will be encouraged to give each other space when sitting together and when moving about the classroom. The classroom has plenty of space, tables and chairs and materials for children to enjoy while maintaining distance from their friends.

## **Pick up and Drop Off**

Children need to be able to enter the classroom area of the pre-school on their own and I will greet each one of them individually. There is a hand sanitizer station at the sign in desk and parents are encouraged to use this before using the sign in pen. The children will all wash or sanitize their hands upon entering the classroom before choosing their work activities.

## **Personal hygiene measures in place for employees and students.**

### **Hand washing will take place for both students and employees:**

- . After entering and before departing the pre-school
- . Before and after snacks
- . Before and after outdoor play
- . After using the washroom
- . After using a tissue
- . After coughing or sneezing
- . When hands are visibly dirty

### **Additionally, teachers will wash their hands**

- . Before and after applying any first aid to students or self
- . After contact with bodily fluids (runny noses, spit, vomit, blood)
- . After cleaning tasks
- . After handling garbage
- . After removing gloves

## **How will the pre-school clean the rooms to ensure the environment is safe?**

- . Cleaning tabletops and chairs before and after snacks
- . All material and equipment is sanitized before, during (as needed) and after class
- . All door knobs and high touch surfaces are sanitized before each class
- . The pre-school will be thoroughly cleaned and sanitized at the end of each class with bleach and water
- . **The use of the bathroom is reserved for the children and staff use only.**

## **What can my child bring to pre-school**

- . A backpack that contains a small snack container and water bottle.  
A small bag inside the backpack that holds 1 pair of extra socks, 1 pair of underwear, 1 t-shirt and 1 pair of pants or shorts.
- . In order to keep our pre-school clean, I ask that the children bring **one pair of indoor only shoes**. The indoor shoes may be kept at the preschool in your child's designated shoe space. Children will not be sharing snacks.

Only the items listed above as well as weather appropriate footwear and clothing will be permitted.

Toys, blankets, pillows, stuffies etc. will **not** be permitted in the building. We will not be having show and tell objects from home due to covid restrictions.

**Onset of illness during the preschool class**

- 1.) Immediate isolation from the rest of the class while still being supervised closely.
- 2.) The parent or emergency contact will be contacted for immediate pick up and asked to contact 811
- 3.) All areas that have been contacted will be cleaned and disinfected
- 4.) Where possible 2 metres of distance will be maintained from the ill person
- 5.) Diligent hand washing,
- 6.) A medical incident report will be done and Interior Health will be contacted

For up to date information on COVID-19, please visit B.C. Centre for Disease Control's website. (BCCDC)

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