



Green Planet Daycare COVID 19 Policy

This policy guidance for parents/guardians and staff to prevent the transmission of COVID-19 and maintain safe and healthy environment for child (ren) and staff during the pandemic.in green planet daycare. It identifies key infection prevention and exposure control practices to implement in childcare settings and provides actions to take if a child or staff member develops symptoms that could be related to COVID-19.

Staying Home When Sick and When new Symptoms Develop

Child(ren) who are experiencing symptoms of a previously diagnosed health condition do not need to stay home and should not be required to provide a doctor's note to attend a childcare facility. If the household member tests positive for COVID-19, child(ren) and parents are not allowed to enter the daycare facility. Child(ren) and providers must stay at home when new symptoms of illness develop, such as:

- Fever
- Chills
- Cough
- Difficulty breathing (in small child(ren), this can look like breathing fast or working hard to breathe)
- Loss of sense of smell or taste
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

For mild symptoms without fever, child(ren) and staff members should stay home and monitor symptoms for 24 hours. If symptoms improve and the child(ren) feels well enough, they can return to the child care facility without further assessment or doctor's note. If a COVID-19 test is recommended as a result of the health assessment, self-isolate while waiting for results. If the COVID-19 test is positive, child(ren) are not allowed to enter the daycare facility until the next the COVID-19 is tested negative. If the COVID-19 test is negative, return to the chid can come to the daycare facility. If a COVID-19 test is recommended but not done, self-isolate for 10 days.

Physical Distancing and Mandatory Masks

Physical distancing is used as a prevention measure because COVID-19 tends to spread through prolonged, close, face-to-face contact. In the Green Planet Daycare settings, physical distancing is incorporated to avoiding physical contact between staff, avoiding unnecessary physical contact between staff and child(ren) and to other parents, minimizing close, prolonged, face-to-face interactions where possible, and encouraging everyone to spread out as much as possible within the space available. When picking up and dropping off child(ren), parents are required to wear masks all time.

Self-Isolation

Child(ren) and parents are not allowed to enter the premise of the daycare if:

- A person experiencing key symptoms:
 - Fever
 - Chills
 - Cough or worsening of chronic cough
 - Breathing difficulties (breathing fast or working hard to breath)
 - Loss of sense of smell or taste
 - Diarrhea
 - Nausea and vomiting
- A person waiting for results of a COVID-19 test
- A person confirmed by public health as a case of COVID-19;
- A person confirmed by public health as a close contact of a confirmed case or outbreak of COVID-19; or,
- A person who has travelled outside of Canada in the last 14 days.

Food and Beverages

Food and beverages should not be shared. Green Planet Daycare will not provide any homemade foods items sent from parents to be disturbed to other child(ren) in the facility (e.g. birthday treats).