



# Green Planet Daycare COVID 19 Policy

This policy provides interim guidance for parents and educators to prevent the transmission of COVID-19 and maintain safe and healthy environments for children and staff during the COVID-19 pandemic. This policy identifies the key infection preventions and control practices to implement child care setting and actions to take if a child or a staff member develops the symptoms of COVID-19 or has the virus of COVID-19. Green Planet Daycare will do as much as possible to implement public health and infection prevention and control measures, including staying home when ill, physical distancing, minimized physical contact, hand hygiene, frequent cleaning and disinfection.

## **Personal Measures:**

- If your child(ren) who have the symptoms of common cold, influenza or COVID-19 or other infectious respiratory diseases to remain home. Your child(ren) may return to the daycare once they are assessed by their family physician or nurse practitioner and it is determined that they do **NOT** have COVID-19, and their symptoms are resolved.
- All parents and children who have symptoms of COVID-19 **OR** travelled outside of Canada in the last 14 days **OR** were identified by Public Health as a close contact of confirmed case **must stay home and self-isolate.**
- Child(ren) who are ill, including children of essential services providers, is not permitted to attend to Green Planet Daycare.

## **Pick up and Drop off:**

- Pick up and drop-off of child(ren) occur outside in Green Planet Daycare private backyard. **Parents are not allowed to enter the facility.** If a parent must enter the setting, they should maintain physical distance from staff and other children present and reminded to practice diligent hand hygiene and maintain physical distance when they are in the facility.
- Parents that are symptomatic must not enter the child care facility.

## **Cleaning and Disinfection:**

- General cleaning and disinfecting of the center occurs frequently.
- Frequently-touched surfaces is to be cleaned and disinfected frequently

→ these include door knobs, light switches, faucets handles, table counters, chairs, electronic devices and toys.

- Clean and disinfect any surface that is visibility dirty.
- Remove toys and other items that cannot be easily cleaned
- Empty garbage containers daily at minimum
- Wear disposable gloves when cleaning blood or body fluids. Wash hands before wearing and after removing gloves
- Clean and disinfect cots and cribs after each use, and launder crib linens between children. If parent are providing sheets, they should be laundered and placed in a sealed plastic or washable bag before bringing to the daycare.

#### **When to Perform Hand Hygiene:**

- Disinfected wipes for children is set up at the entrance, so that children will be sanitized before entering the daycare.

#### **CHILDREN:**

- When they arrive at the child care center and before they go home
- Before and after eating and drinking
- After diaper change
- After using the toilet
- After playing outside
- After sneezing and coughing
- Whenever hands are visibly dirty

#### **STAFF:**

- When they arrive at the child care center and before they go home
- Before and after handling food
- Before and after giving medication
- After changing diapers
- After assisting a child to use the toilet
- After contact with bodily fluids
- After cleaning tasks
- After removing gloves
- After handling garbage
- Whenever hands are visibility dirty.

#### **Procedures if Child Develops Symptoms of COVID-19 at Child Care:**

1. Identify a staff member to supervise the child
2. Identified staff member should immediately separate the symptomatic child from others in supervised area until they go home.
3. Contact the child's parent or caregiver to pick them up right away. **Parents and caregivers must pick up their child promptly once notified that their child is ill.**

4. Where possible, maintain a distance of 2 meters from the ill child. If this is not possible, the staff member may use mask and tolerated.
5. Provide the child with tissues, and support as necessary so they can practice respiratory hygiene.
6. Open outside doors and windows to increase air circulation in the area.
7. Avoiding touching the child's body fluids. If staff do, wash hands.
8. Once the child is picked up, wash your hands.
9. Clean and disinfect the space where the child was separated and any areas used by the child.
10. If concerned, contact the local public health unit to seek further advice.

**Procedures if Staff Develops Symptoms while at Work:**

1. Staff should go home right away where possible.
2. If staff unable to leave immediately, the symptomatic staff person should:
3. Separate themselves into an area away from others.
4. Maintain distance of 2 meters from others
5. Use tissue or mask to cover their nose and mouth while they wait for a replacement or to be picked up.
6. Remaining staff must clean and disinfect the space where staff was separated, and any areas used by them