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|  | PROGRAM POLICIES | DAILY ACTIVE SCREEN/ HEALTH CHECK COVID-19 | SUBJECT | COVID-19 |
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POLICY

All individuals entering child care must be screened daily. Whenever possible, individuals should self-screen each day before arrival to the centre This includes staff, children, and visitors. Parents/guardians are to be informed of this process at registration. Where an individual has not completed a self-screen prior to arrival at the centre, active screening must be completed in person.

All child care centre staff, visitors and students completing post-secondary placement must provide daily confirmation or proof that they have completed and passed the online screener in a form deemed appropriate and accessible prior to or upon entry to the child care.

The number of visitors indoors should be limited to the ability to maintain physical distancing of at least two metres.

It is the recommendation of Durham Region Health Department to exclude parents from child care centres at this time.

TERMINOLOGY

Essential visitor: An individual representing special needs resourcing agencies, the Ministry of Education, the Children’s Services Division, the Durham Region Health Department, essential maintenance workers, catering personnel, students completing post-secondary educational placements, and public officials (e.g., fire marshal). Hereafter may be referred to as “visitor.”

Fully vaccinated: An individual is fully vaccinated when you they have completed their full COVID-19 vaccines series (e.g., two doses of a two-dose series) and it has been 14 days or more since their final dose.

COVID-19 test: Refers to a lab-based PCR test. Rapid antigen tests cannot be used to clear a symptomatic individual to enter the child care facility.

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PROCEDURES

Self-screening Procedure

- Provide parents/guardians/staff/visitors with the electronic daily screen and process for completion and submission (if electronic screening is in place).
- Every child, staff and visitor must complete a self-screen prior to arrival at the centre. All individuals should be encouraged to self-screen prior to arrival.
- Greet everyone in the screening area of the Centre with a friendly, calm manner.
- If more than one parent/caregiver tries to enter the screening area with the child(ren), ask that one parent wait in the car or outside as we are reducing the number of people who are entering the screening area.
- Request that the parent/guardian/visitor and child(ren) use 60 to 90% alcohol-based hand rub (ABHR). ABHR is recommended for use by children aged two and above, and with adult supervision.
- Staff will also do a visual check on anyone entering the facility. Where a child or adult is obviously ill (e.g., vomiting, diarrhea, fever) staff must refuse entry into the centre. Exception applies to anyone who received their COVID-19 vaccination within the past 48 hours and is experiencing mild headache, fatigue, muscle aches and/or joint pain that only began after vaccination.
- Confirm with each parent/guardian/visitor/staff that the electronic screening has been completed and passed for each person entering the centre.
- Children and visitors who do not pass the screening should follow guidance provided in the *COVID-19 Screening Tool for Children, Staff, and Visitors in Durham Region Licensed Child Care* according situation to determine next steps and when they may return to care. Parents should also follow this guidance to determine when their child may return to care.
- All children and staff with any new or worsening symptom of COVID-19 must stay home until:
 - They receive a negative COVID-19 test result.
 - They receive an alternate diagnosis by a health care professional; or,
 - It has been 10 days since their symptom onset, and they are feeling better.
- Unless fully vaccinated, siblings must stay at home until the child showing symptoms tests negative; is cleared by Durham Region Health Department or is diagnosed with another illness.
- If the electronic screening has not been completed, follow the procedure for in-person active screening.

Prior to active health screening at your location, staff must complete training on how to properly wear personal protective equipment (PPE) and complete the screening process.

- Ensure the Active Screening Poster is visible on the exterior door, as well as the sign indicating only one parent/caregiver and the child(ren) being dropped off may enter the active screening area at a time.
- Signage and marking on the ground to direct families can be utilized to ensure physical distancing is achieved (i.e., two metres or six feet apart).
- Parents should not go past the screening area, if possible.
- Identify/set up the location and staffing of the screening table (if screening and temperature checks takes place in person):

- Place the screening table at foyer entrance, visually blocking entrance into the centre.
- Ensure hand rub of at least 60 to 90% alcohol content is visible to clients/staff in front of or at the screening table along with [signage](#) demonstrating appropriate use. Dispensers should not be in locations that can be accessed by young children.
- Maintain a minimum of two metres distance between staff conducting screening and the person being screened.
- If a barrier for screening is not available, staff are to use appropriate PPE (medical mask, face shield or goggles).
- Refer to the Public Health Ontario [website](#) for how to properly wear and take off PPE.

In-person active screening procedure

In-person active screening is required if self-screening has not been conducted prior to arriving at the Centre. Staff must ask the required screening questions for each person entering the Centre.

- Advise parent/guardian/visitor that screening for potential risks of COVID-19 must be conducted prior to anyone entering the centre to support the safety and well-being of staff, children, and families.
- In-person active screening can be done either electronically or by using a copy of the COVID-19 Screening Tool for Children, Staff and Visitors in Durham Region Licensed Child Care; a tool developed to align with the Durham Region Health Department requirements for COVID-19 and child care.
- Staff must refuse to allow entry to anyone who fails the COVID-19 screening questions.
- Anyone who is being screened must be asked to take their own temperature or that of their child.
 - A bin will be on the table with the thermometer in it – Parent/caregiver will be directed to take the thermometer from the bin, perform temperature reading on their child(ren) and place it back in the bin after use.
 - Staff will disinfect the thermometer and bin by using disinfectant spray or wipe.
 - Staff must follow directions for contact time of disinfectant.
 - Staff will wipe down thermometer after contact time for use by next family.
 - Thermometer will be placed back in the bin.
- Child(ren) and visitors pass by successfully completing the screening, having no temperature and being visibly in good health. Exception applies to anyone who received their COVID-19 vaccination within the past 48 hours and is experiencing mild headache, fatigue, muscle aches and/or joint pain that only began after vaccination.
- Staff should complete self-screening prior to arriving at the centre. If electronic screening is not used for staff, in-person screening must be completed prior to entering the Centre. The first staff member will complete the active screening procedure and the actively screen the second staff entering the building.
- Staff will take their own temperatures and show active screener the result.
- The thermometer is to be disinfected between each staff use using same method above.

- The supervisor or designate will assign the active screening schedule for each day.
- Staff who are experiencing any of the symptoms or who answer **yes** to any of the screening questions are expected to stay at home and report their absence to their supervisor. Exception applies to anyone who received their COVID-19 vaccination within the past 48 hours and is experiencing mild headache, fatigue, muscle aches and/or joint pain that only began after vaccination.
- Staff should follow the guidance provided by the Durham Region Health Department in *COVID-19 Screening Tool for Children, Staff, and Visitors in Durham Region Licensed Child Care* according to the situation to determine next steps.
- Staff with any new or worsening symptom (not related to COVID-19 vaccination within the past 48 hours as listed above) of COVID-19 must stay home until:
 - They receive a negative COVID-19 test result,
 - They receive an alternate diagnosis by a health care professional, or
 - It has been 10 days since their symptom onset, and they are feeling better.
- Staff should also consult with their supervisor prior to returning to work to determine if medical clearance is required.

Documentation

- The screening poster will be updated as advised by the Medical Officer of Health.
- Visitor logs with sign in and out times must be completed – recording name, company contact information, time of arrival and time of departure.
- Staff attendance must be documented with approximate arrival and departure time to help facilitate contact tracing.
- Centres are responsible for ensuring information is managed and recorded where necessary.