

**KILLARNEY PARK PRESCHOOL (K.P.P.)**  
**COVID-19 SAFETY PLAN**  
**(Condensed: September 1, 2021)**

- This Safety Plan outlines a condensed version of our policies and procedures that have been put into place to reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission. These measures are based on the BC Centre for Disease Control's COVID-19 Public Health Guidance for Child Care Settings. Changes to this plan may be necessary as the situation evolves.

**ACCESS TO FACILITY / STAYING HOME WHEN ILL**

- Those who have not been fully vaccinated must not enter the facility when school is in session. This does not apply to children under 12 or those who have a medical reason that prevents them from being vaccinated.
- Teachers, children, parents, and caregivers must not enter the building if they have symptoms of common cold, influenza, COVID-19, or other infectious respiratory diseases. They must stay home and self-isolate until they have been assessed by a health care provider to exclude COVID-19 or other infectious diseases, and their symptoms have resolved fully.
- Those have been identified by public health as having come in close contact with a person with a confirmed case of COVID-19 must self-isolate and monitor for symptoms.
- If anyone from a child or teacher's household has COVID-19 or other infectious diseases, they must stay home even if they themselves are well.
- Parents and caregivers are required to assess their children **DAILY** for symptoms of common cold, influenza, COVID-19, and other infectious respiratory diseases **PRIOR** to drop off.
- If a parent, caregiver or teacher is unsure if they or a child should self-isolate, they can access the self-assessment tool to determine if they should be tested for COVID-19 <https://bc.thrive.health/covid19/en> or contact 8-1-1 or the local public health unit. They can also contact a family physician or nurse practitioner to be assessed for COVID-19 and other respiratory diseases.
- Teachers must assess themselves **DAILY** for symptoms of common cold, influenza, COVID-19, or other infectious respiratory diseases **PRIOR** to working
- Visitors to the facility will be minimized (licensing officer, health department, supportive child care assistants, ECE practicum students, etc.).

**LIMITED CONTACT WITH THOSE WHO HAVE NOT BEEN FULLY VACCINATED**

- Since children under the age of 12 cannot be vaccinated at this time, we highly encourage families limit contact with those who have not been fully vaccinated during the school year.

## GRADUAL ENTRY

- To help new children feel comfortable at the preschool and returning children to re-adjust, there will be a **period of gradual entry at the beginning of September**.
- Your teacher will work with you to arrange a successful transition for your child, during which you may or may not be asked to stay for a period of time with your child.
- A schedule for the gradual entry times will be given.

## DROP OFF AND PICK UP

- The **first 15 minutes of classes is for dropping off your children** in order to allow for a staggered entrance.
- Parents and caregivers will line up outside on physical distancing footprints, if needed.
- Please hand in a completed and signed health check slip confirming that your children do not have symptoms of common cold, influenza, COVID-19, or any other respiratory disease and verifying that they can participate in all preschool activities.

## INDOOR PLAY AND VENTILATION

- Teachers will encourage children to engage in the social interactions and cooperative play necessary for their development but to do so at a safe distance.
- Toys will be chosen that are easily cleaned.
- Adequate ventilation and open windows will be ensured.

## SNACKTIME

- Please have your child bring a **healthy snack** to school each day.
- We are a **“NUT FREE”** centre. Children are not permitted to send anything containing nuts or nut products.

## OUTDOOR PLAY

- The children will engage in outdoor (active) play for at least 20 minutes.
- Outdoor toys will be chosen that are easily cleaned.

## HAND HYGIENE AND RESPIRATORY ETIQUETTE

- Teachers are required to wash their hands when they arrive and throughout the day. They will also support the children to do the same.
- Children will be taught to wash their hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds (singing the “ABC’s” or “Thank-you God” before eating).
- When not able to wash their hands, teachers and children will use alcohol-based hand sanitizer containing at least 60% alcohol.

## **CLEANING AND DISINFECTING**

- Teachers will inspect the classroom throughout the day and sanitize as necessary.
- Washrooms (toilets and faucet handles) will be disinfected after every use.
- Other frequently-touched surfaces (e.g., door knobs, cupboard handles, light switches, table counters, chairs, electronic devices, toys, and craft supplies) will be sanitized daily.
- Toys and objects that children have placed in their mouths will be set aside in a “yucky toy” bin until they are cleaned and disinfected.
- Playground equipment will be sanitized regularly.

## **PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (PPE)**

- Teachers, parents, caregivers, visitors, and children kindergarten and up are required to wear a mask indoors (with few exceptions) and outdoors where physical distance cannot be maintained.
- Teachers will wear a face shield during large group/circle time when they are reading a story, so the children can see their expressions.
- Please respect and maintain a distance of at least 2 metres when talking to a teacher and other parents.
- Parents are welcome to have their children wear masks. Please practice this at home so that your children are comfortable doing so when they are at school. The teachers will try to support your decision with encouragement.

## **PHYSICAL DISTANCING**

- Teachers will maintain a safe physical distance from each other especially when indoors.
- Since it is not always possible for physical distance to be maintained by teachers from children, or between children, the focus will be on minimizing the frequency of direct physical contact instead.
- Children who live in the same home do not need to maintain physical distance from each other.
- Children will be taught to maintain their “space bubble” and regularly reminded to keep their hands to themselves.
- Only one teacher and a limited number of children will be allowed in the washroom at any time. If there are more than the allowed numbers, the rest of the children will line up on physical distancing footprints.

## **CHILDREN WHO DEVELOP SYMPTOMS OF COVID-19 AT HOME**

**Parents or caregivers must keep their child at home** for a minimum of 10 days from the onset of symptoms. They must have been assessed by a health care provider AND determined their symptoms have completely resolved before they may return to preschool.

## **CHILDREN WHO DEVELOP SYMPTOMS OF COVID-19 AT PRESCHOOL**

Teachers will take the following steps:

1. Designate a teacher to supervise the child.
2. Designated teacher should immediately separate the symptomatic child from others in the supervised isolation room until they can go home.
3. Contact the child's parent or caregiver to pick them up right away.
4. Where possible, maintain a distance of at least 2 metres from the ill child.
5. Provide the child with tissues, and support as necessary so they can practice respiratory hygiene.
6. Ensure outside doors and windows are open to increase air circulation in the area.
7. Avoid touching the child's body fluids. If they do, wash their hands.
8. Once the child is picked up, wash their hands.
9. Clean and disinfect the space where the child was separated and any areas used by the child (e.g., bathroom, isolation room).
10. 8-1-1 or the local public health unit will be contacted for further advice.

## **TEACHERS WHO DEVELOP SYMPTOMS OF COVID-19 AT HOME**

**Teachers must be excluded from work, stay home, and self-isolate** for a minimum of 10 days from the onset of symptoms. They must have been assessed by a health care provider AND determined their symptoms have completely resolved before they may return to work.

## **TEACHERS WHO DEVELOP SYMPTOMS OF COVID-19 AT PRESCHOOL**

**Teachers should go home right away where possible.**

If unable to leave immediately, the symptomatic teacher should:

1. Separate themselves from others and stay in the designated isolation room while waiting for a replacement or to be picked up.
2. Maintain a distance of at least 2 metres from others.
3. The remaining teachers must clean and disinfect the space where the symptomatic teacher was separated and any areas used by her (e.g., bathroom, designated isolation room).
4. 8-1-1 or the local public health unit will be contacted for further advice.