



## **Creative Beginnings Childcare Centre COVID POLICY**

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Parents and/or caregivers must assess their child daily for symptoms of COVID or other infectious respiratory disease before sending them to the childcare centre. Your child has to have zero sickness symptoms to be allowed in childcare.

Please check your child daily for the following symptoms:

- Coughing
- Fever (> 37.5 degree Celsius or signs of fever)
- Chills
- Sore throat and painful swallowing. Shortness of breath/difficulty breathing, headache
- Feeling unwell/fatigue
- Muscle aches and pains
- Stuffy or runny nose
- Loss of sense or smell
- Diarrhea
- Nausea/vomiting
- Loss of appetite

Please refer to the BC CDC for more information on signs and symptoms.

Creative Beginnings Childcare Centre will continue to follow all updated protocols and procedures as outlined by the Health Authorities. Given these important requirements, it is imperative that we are resolute in our health policy, and that all parents are in agreement to the following additional requirements:

- Children may not attend Creative Beginnings Childcare programs if they exhibit any symptoms of respiratory illness or fever. From the onset of any such symptoms, children must remain at home for no less than 10 days.
- Children may not attend Creative Beginnings Childcare programs if any family member, or individual residing in their household has exhibited any symptoms of COVID-19, any symptoms of respiratory illness, or has



- returned from any travel outside of Canada. In these instances, children must remain at home for no less than 14 days.
- Upon arrival at a Creative Beginnings Childcare facility, parents and children must proceed immediately to a hand-washing station to complete a thorough hand-washing.
- Parents should limit their time within the Creative Beginnings Childcare facility to only what is absolutely necessary, and maintain social distancing (2 metres) from staff and other children.
- Individuals residing in the household with any child attending Creative Beginnings Childcare Centre are to be taking all precautions possible to limit their exposure to COVID-19.
- In light of a possible second lockdown children will only be attending Creative Beginnings Childcare Centre when deemed as a necessity for care to ensure continuation of “COVID-19 Essential Service” roles as defined by the Provincial Health Officer.\*
- We ask that all parents familiarize themselves with the Provincial document summarizing COVID-19 facts as they pertain to the childcare environment. This can be found at the following link:  
[https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/family-and-social-supports/covid-19/qa\\_covid19\\_childcare\\_settings\\_mar\\_24\\_2020.pdf](https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/family-and-social-supports/covid-19/qa_covid19_childcare_settings_mar_24_2020.pdf)

For the well-being of children, staff and families, open transparency and candor is required around all the above requirements. Although this may lead to some challenging conversations, Creative Beginnings Childcare Centre staff and families need to acknowledge and respect their necessity and their intention of care during the pandemic. We sincerely appreciate your compliance and understanding!