

Streetsville Children's Centre and Academy

PARENT/GUARDIAN AGREEMENT September 2021

Under Provincial direction, child care centres may operate following strict health and safety protocols to prevent the spread of COVID-19 and to ensure the safety of child care staff, children and their families.

What is COVID-19?

COVID-19 is a new strain of coronavirus that has not been previously seen in humans. The virus can cause symptoms like the common cold but can advance, in some cases, to severe respiratory illness or even death. COVID-19 can be spread from person to person, usually after close contact with someone infected with the virus.

Health and Illness Protocol for COVID-19

Children who are ill should not attend the child care centre.

Children should not attend child care if any member of their household is ill with COVID-19 symptoms.

To manage the risk of spreading illness within the child care centre, Peel Public Health has provided direction on cleaning/sanitation protocols and personal health care practices including frequent hand washing. Peel Public Health also requires daily active screening of all individuals arriving at the child care centre.

ALL CHILDREN and ADULTS must be screened **DAILY**. Parents/guardians are required to report any symptoms in household members and to take the temperature of children attending child care prior to arriving at the child care setting (if temperature checks are not a part of on-site screening). Parents/guardians will report the information to staff/Licensed Home Child Care (LHCC) provider during the active screening process or during the self-assessment for children attending school. In addition to daily screening, all children will be monitored throughout the day for emerging signs or symptoms of illness.

Your COVID-19 screening results, including contact information, collected by the child care setting during the screening process, may be provided to Peel Public Health, to help manage and reduce the risk of spreading the COVID-19 virus in the child care setting.

As a Parent/Guardian, you can prevent the spread of illness by keeping your child(ren) home from the program if your child does not pass screening. **Any siblings (or any other children living in the same household) must also not attend school or child care and stay home.** If you, household members or your child(ren) experience signs or symptoms (not related to other known causes or conditions) described in the **COVID-19 Child Care/School Screening poster**, your child must not attend child care. **Children who have no symptoms and are fully vaccinated or have tested positive for COVID-19 in the last 90 days and have since been cleared do not need to stay home.**

If your child(ren) experiences **any** new or worsening COVID-19 signs or symptoms while at the child care setting, the staff provider will contact you or one of your emergency contacts to pick up your child(ren) **immediately**. While your child(ren) waits for you or your designate to arrive, they will be separated from the other children.

- **A COVID-19 test is strongly recommended for any family member experiencing symptoms (even if they are fully vaccinated) before the family can return to child care. The child(ren) and all household members including any siblings attending the child care setting should also self-isolate while waiting for the test results.**

Individuals who have no symptoms and are fully vaccinated or have tested positive for COVID-19 in the last 90 days and have since been cleared do not need to isolate. Fully vaccinated individuals are individuals who have completed a Health Canada approved COVID-19 vaccine series or received all recommended doses of a COVID-19 vaccine that has been listed for emergency use by the World Health Organization AND it has been 14 days or more since receiving the full vaccine series (i.e., second dose of a two-dose series or a single dose of a one-dose series). An immunocompromised individual should continue to follow standard public health measures (e.g., self-isolate after having close contact with a COVID-19 case), whether they are fully vaccinated or not. Data is currently limited on vaccine effectiveness in this population.

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- Children who have tested negative for COVID-19 or have an alternate diagnosis from their health care provider AND whose symptoms have been improving for at least 24 hours (48 hours for digestive issues such as nausea/vomiting, diarrhea, or stomach pain) can return to the child care setting after passing the daily screening process.
- Children who have tested positive for COVID-19 will follow the direction from Peel Public Health on when they can return to the child care setting.
- Children who did not get tested must be excluded from child care for 10 days from the start of their symptoms unless a health care provider has specifically not recommended COVID-19 testing or as directed by Public Health. Household members including siblings who are not fully vaccinated must isolate for 10 days from their last contact with the ill child before they went into self-isolation.
- Children who had close contact with a person with COVID-19 must self-isolate for 10 days from their last close contact with the person or as directed by Peel Public Health. Children are not required to isolate if they have no symptoms and are fully vaccinated or previously had COVID-19 in the past 90 days, recovered and were cleared from isolation by Public Health.
- If anyone in the child(ren)'s household is isolating as a close contact of someone who has COVID-19, the child(ren) must stay home for the duration of the household member's isolation period. Children who are fully vaccinated or have tested positive for COVID-19 in the last 90 days and have since been cleared are not required to stay home if they have no symptoms and are not immunocompromised. NOTE: If the household member was fully vaccinated prior to an exposure to COVID-19 OR the household member was asked to test for COVID-19 but not isolate (i.e., routine employment testing), the child(ren) are not required to stay home. Child(ren) are still required to stay home if the fully vaccinated household member has an immunocompromising condition.
- For licensed home child care, back-up child care cannot be provided to any child(ren) who have had close contact with a confirmed case of COVID-19 or a person with COVID-19 symptoms (unless the symptomatic person has tested negative for COVID-19).
- To care for a child's well-being and provide emotional support, the child and one caregiver can isolate together. For tips, please visit: [self isolation - Region of Peel \(peelregion.ca\)](https://www.peelregion.ca/self-isolation).

Staff will support the arrival and pick up routine for families. Upon arrival, once a child(ren) has completed active screening and been deemed able to enter the setting, staff/LHCC provider will escort the child(ren) into the child care setting. Parents/guardians are discouraged from entering. Pick-up and drop-off of child(ren) will occur outside the child care setting unless it is determined that there is a need for a parent/guardian to enter.

To protect the health of all individuals at the child care setting, all children in grades 1 and above are required to wear a non-medical or cloth mask while inside the child care setting, including the hallways, and outdoors if physical distancing cannot be maintained. Peel Public Health recommends that child care settings consider making masks mandatory for children in kindergarten while inside the child care setting and outdoors if physical distancing cannot be maintained. Children who are 2 years of age up to kindergarten age are encouraged but not required to wear a mask.

Note: If the child care program is located inside a school, child care providers must follow individual school board direction as per the mandatory use of non-medical masks for children. Parents/guardians are responsible for providing their child(ren) with a mask(s). If your child is unable to wear a mask for any reason, please inform the child care staff/LHCC provider. Reasonable exceptions are permitted including those who have trouble breathing, unable to wear a mask for medical reasons or unable to remove mask without assistance. Proof of a mask exemption is not required

As a Parent/Guardian responsible for my child(ren)'s child care placement, I agree to and checkmark the following:

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- In the event of illness, I agree to verbally report to the child care centre/LHCC agency/provider any test results (positive or negative for COVID-19) and/or clearance by Peel Public Health prior to returning my child(ren) to child care; and
- I understand that all children in grades 1 and above are required to wear a non-medical or cloth mask and children in kindergarten may be required to wear a non-medical or cloth mask while inside the child care setting and outdoors if physical distancing cannot be maintained. Parents/guardians are responsible for providing their children with masks.
- I have read and understood the above information;

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- I agree to provide an additional blanket for staff to use while picking up my child;
- I agree to provide a small bottle of water daily for each child;
- I understand the risk of illness associated with placing my child(ren) in child care services;
- I agree to all screening requirements and to accurately respond to all screening questions, including the reporting of temperatures daily for all persons screened. Misrepresentation on any screening questions, including temperatures or masking fevers with medication could result in the termination of my child care placement; I agree with all school policies.
- I will not administer any medication to my child that may mask the symptoms of illness, such as Tylenol or Advil, prior dropping my child off at the home child care program
- I agree to exclude **all** of my children from child care **immediately** upon observing **any** of the above signs or symptoms of illness in any household member until medically deemed able to return to care OR if any of my children do not pass screening (except for children who have no symptoms and are fully vaccinated or have tested positive for COVID-19 in the last 90 days and have since been cleared);
- I consent to providing copies of any of my child(ren)'s COVID-19 test results to the child care centre;
- I agree to remain accessible to pick up my child immediately if notified by SCC to do so.
- All documents are current and up to date
- All health documents and immunization are current and up to date
- I understand that all children in grades 1 and above are required to wear a non-medical or cloth mask and children in NS3 and up will be required to wear a non-medical or cloth mask while inside the child care setting. Parents/guardians are responsible for providing their children with masks; and
- I understand that failure to accurately respond to any screening requirement and/or misrepresentation of any health and safety requirement may result in the termination of my child care placement.

Parent Name: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Date: _____