



Phoenix Child Care: COVID-19 Response

Phoenix Child Centre is committed to protecting the health and safety of our children, their families, staff and community partners during the COVID-19 pandemic. Our response and actions are based on recommendations from Toronto Public Health, Ministry of Health, Health Canada, City of Toronto Children's Services and the Ministry of Education as well as other relevant authorities.

While infection mitigation has always been an integral part of Phoenix Child Centre's culture, COVID-19 presents new challenges. We remain committed to meeting these challenges. We have adapted and enhanced some existing policies and created new policies specific to COVID-19.

The following practices will be in place:

- Staff will complete a health check at home prior to each shift and will be screened again prior to entry into Phoenix Child Centre.
- A screening area is isolated at the entrance of the Seneca Hill Public School/Phoenix Child Centre.
- Only one parent can enter the screening area with their child/children.

A record of everyone entering the building will be kept. Record will include, the time and duration of stay. Records will be kept on the premises and will consist of the name, contact information, time of arrival and departure, Their business at the centre and screening results. It is essential that records are accurate and up to date to facilitate contact tracing should that become necessary

- Children will be screened before entering the child care centre and monitored throughout the day for COVID-19 related symptoms. Temperatures will be taken

at 12:00 pm, approximately 3:30 pm and just prior to pick-up of each child in the centre, records will be kept on the premises.

- Children will be excluded from care if they develop any symptoms related to COVID-19 or if feeling generally unwell. Children must be able to participate in all areas of the program, this includes going outside.
- Policies and procedures have been developed specific to COVID-19 in order to increase the health and safety of children, staff and families.
- Staff will monitor children to ensure social distancing and infection prevention and control practices are prioritized.
- Staff will receive thorough enhanced infection prevention and control, and health and safety training. Training will be frequently updated and provided to ensure best practices and consistency. New policies will be reviewed and signed by all staff prior to commencing employment
- Only one entrance/exit (main entrance) will be used to ensure effective screening practices.
- Regular communication on health and safety and infection prevention and control practices will be shared with families for use at the child care centre and at home.
- Procedures will be updated and revised regularly to ensure best practices in accordance with Public Health Authorities.

| Date | Revision | Effective |
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| June 15/20 | New | July 6/20 |
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