

COMMUNICABLE DISEASE PREVENTION PLAN (COVID-19)

THRIVING KIDS CARE SOCIETY

- Vancouver -

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Preamble

Due to the nature of our programs, communicable disease control and prevention is of high priority. The purpose of this Communicable Disease Prevention Plan is to protect staff, volunteers, parents/guardians, visitors, and children by providing the necessary information to be used to prevent and reduce the risk of contracting and transmitting communicable diseases at all of our locations.

What is a communicable disease? *WorkSafeBC* advises that communicable disease is an illness caused by an infectious agent that can be transmitted by contact with infected individuals or their bodily discharges or fluids or by contact with contaminated surfaces or objects. Examples of communicable diseases that may circulate in a workplace include the common cold and seasonal influenza as well as norovirus-like illnesses and chickenpox.

Communicable diseases are most commonly spread from an infected person through:

- Respiratory droplets when a person coughs or sneezes.
- Close personal contact, such as touching or shaking hands.
- Touching something with virus on it, then touching your eyes, nose or mouth before washing your hands.

In the event that new Public Health Orders are released, this plan will be updated accordingly.

Reducing the Risks

Daily Self-Administered Health Checks:

- Camp personnel are not required to confirm that they have completed a self-administered health check prior to entering the facility
- Camp personnel are expected to arrive at camp healthy
- Individuals experiencing symptoms should stay home, consult the BC COVID-19 self-assessment tool to determine if COVID-19 testing is needed. Individuals should contact 811 if there is any uncertainty
- Those who are tested for COVID-19 must notify the director

Hand Washing & Hand Sanitizer:

- All children will be required to wash their hands or use hand sanitizers upon entering the building
- Children are encouraged to wash their hands upon leaving for the day
- Children are free to bring their own hand sanitizer but may not be shared with others

Masks & Gloves:

- Masks are not required but recommended for all participants and camp personnel
- Non-medical masks are available upon request
- Gloves are only required when handling cooked food by camp personnel

Routine Cleaning:

- Camp personnel will follow a clean-up list which includes sanitizing high touch point areas at the end of the day
- Tables will be sanitized after each use
- Garbage will be thrown out at the end of the day

Sick Policy Addendum:

- Any children with symptoms of a **communicable disease** (i.e. cold/flu) will need to stay home
- If a child starts displaying any of the above symptoms, we will contact parents/guardians to pick up their child. The symptomatic child will be separated from others in a supervised area until they are picked up

Visitors:

- Visitors are not permitted in our facilities without prior notice or authorization
- Visitors must be always accompanied by a senior staff
- Parents of our participants may only enter designated areas inside our facilities

Vaccination:

- Camp personnel are not required to be fully vaccinated to remain employed

Responding to Elevated Risks

We require all staff under any of the following conditions to stay at home:

- Anyone who has had symptoms of COVID-19 or any communicable disease in the last 24 hours. Symptoms include fever, chills, new or worsening cough, shortness of breath, sore throat, and new muscle aches or headache
- Anyone directed by Public Health to self-isolate

For staff who may start to feel ill at work:

- Sick workers should report to their supervisor, even with mild symptoms
- If the worker is unable to perform their duties in a safe manner, they will be sent home
- If the worker is severely ill (e.g., difficulty breathing, chest pain), call 911. Clean and sanitize any surfaces that the ill worker has come into contact with