

Emmanuel Day Care
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Covid-19 Health & Wellness Policy Effective June 1, 2020

Our program will be open to families beginning Thursday, June 4, with gradual entry of five children each day on Thursday, June 4 and Friday, June 5. Please remember the Covid-19 public health emergency is rapidly changing, and our ability to remain open may change without notice; or we may be ordered to close in the upcoming weeks by BC's provincial health officer, Dr. Bonnie Henry, and/or our licensing officer.

Before arrival, parents are instructed to take their children's temperature each morning at home. If the child has a temperature, they must remain home, as per the health policy, below:

Symptom	May return when
Temperature of 100.4 F / 37.8 C or higher (orally) or 99 F / 37.2 C or higher (under arm)	After 10 days or when symptom free, whichever is longer
Cough	After 10 days or when symptom free, whichever is longer
Sore throat	After 10 days or when symptom free, whichever is longer
Difficulty breathing or wheezing	After 10 days or when symptom free, whichever is longer
Unexplained fatigue, aches or cold/flu-like symptoms	After 10 days or when symptom free, whichever is longer
Individuals living with others in the same home who have just returned from international travel	After self-isolating for 14 days and being symptom free
Individuals living with other in the same home who have been identified as at-risk of potential Covid-19 exposure	After self-isolating for 14 days and being symptom free

Additionally, our regular health and wellness policy stands:

Children may NOT attend childcare program while they have any of the following symptoms:

- Unusual, unexplained loss of appetite, fatigue, irritability, or headache
- Eye infections
- Unexplained rashes or any rash that is not confirmed by doctor to be non-contagious

- Known or suspected communicable diseases (measles, chicken pox, pink eye, hand foot and mouth, etc.)
- Nausea, vomiting and/or diarrhea in the last 48 hours and must stay home for 10 days to evaluate their symptoms

We do not recommend that children with any underlying health concerns attend childcare programs during the Covid-19 pandemic.

If your child develops **ANY** of the above symptoms while in our care, we will move them to a separate supervised area, and you will be required to pick them up immediately. Emmanuel Day Care will not be held liable for any changes to your child's health.

If your child develops **ANY** of the above symptoms, they are **NOT** able to return to Emmanuel Daycare for **10 days** after the symptoms first appear.

If a child begins to experience symptoms of Covid-19 while attending day care:

- Symptomatic children are immediately separated from others in a supervised area until they can go home. In addition, where possible, anyone who is providing care to the child should maintain a 2-metre (6 feet) distance.
- If a 2-metre distance cannot be maintained from the ill child, advice from the local public health unit will be necessary to prevent/limit virus transmission to those providing care.
- While contacting the public health unit, at minimum the child and childcare worker will wear a surgical/procedure mask (if tolerated).
- Hygiene and respiratory etiquette will be practiced while the child is waiting to be picked up.
- Tissues will be provided to the child for proper respiratory etiquette, with proper disposal of the tissues and proper hand hygiene.
- Environmental cleaning of the space the child was separated, will be conducted once the child has been picked up.
- Contact the local public health unit to notify them of a potential case and seek input regarding the information that will be shared with other parents of children in the childcare centre.
- Children with symptoms must be excluded from childcare for 14 days after the onset of symptoms.
- Children or staff who have been exposed to a confirmed case of Covid-19 or symptomatic person(s), will be excluded from the childcare setting for 14 days.

Health, Safety and Cleaning Procedures:

- Parents will enter Day Care Playground to drop-off and pick-up child. We require one designated parent/guardian for pick-up and drop-off.
- Children will immediately go to washroom off of the main Day Care Room and wash their hands with soap and water for 30 seconds.
- Hang up outside clothing. Change shoes and return to their cubby.

- At the end of the day, if children are not outside, parents will enter the playground and knock on the Day Care door. If the children are in another location in building, enter through main church entrance by office and ring doorbell during office hours (8:30 am – noon, 1:00 – 3:30 pm).

Supplies in Day Care

- All soft items will be removed from the room, no dress-up, stuffies, dolls, etc.
- Only hard books, as these can be cleaned easily. Staff can read other books, wash hands before and after. The books will only be handled by teachers.
- Each child will have designated materials such as scissors, glue, markers, etc.
- The nap cots will be laid out permanently in third day care room with safe distancing. This room will only be used for nap time.

Outdoors

- Staff and children are encouraged to be outdoors as much as possible throughout the day.
- Currently, no bikes will be used.

Cleaning Protocols

- Will have licensed approved disinfectant in spray bottles used with paper towels to clean items.
- All high touch surfaces (door handles, light switches, washrooms, sinks, etc.) will be cleaned 3-4 times per day: mid-morning, naptime, by custodian in evening.

Health Protocols

- Staff and children will follow strict health protocols.
- If a staff member is unwell with any of symptoms, they will be required to stay home and self-isolate for the next 10 days.
- We will ensure and supervise hand washing is being done when; entering the building; before and after eating times; after washroom use; after coughing or sneezing; etc.

Others

- Children are NOT required to social distance from each other. We will encourage them to not congregate in a big group, however, children are social beings and will allow them to be social with each other. Due to enrollment numbers this is very manageable.
- We want Emmanuel's Day Care to be a calm and caring place for the children.

By signing this form, I acknowledge and accept the policies, protocols and procedures outlined in this COVID-19 Health and Wellness Policy.

Signature of Parent or Guardian: _____

Date: _____

***Please note:** This policy will be reviewed and revised before September 2020.