

## JKC COVID-19 Policies and Procedures for Families

Please ensure you have read through the following information thoroughly before your child(ren) attend JKC.

### Definitions:

Coronaviruses are a family of viruses that cause illness in both humans and animals. Coronavirus' known to cause infection to humans typically cause mild illnesses. (Government of Canada, 2020).

### What is COVID-19 and how is it spread?

COVID-19 is a respiratory illness that typically causes fever, dry cough, difficulty breathing and fatigue (Government of Canada, 2020). Less common symptoms include aches and pains, congested or runny nose, sore throat or diarrhea (World Health Organization, 2020).

### COVID-19 and Children

- COVID-19 virus has a very low infection rate in children. In B.C., less than 1% of children and youth tested have been COVID-19 positive. Most children are not at a high risk for COVID-19 infection.
- Evidence indicates transmission involving children is primarily limited to household settings, and from COVID-19 positive adults to children. Most cases in children have been linked to a symptomatic household member.

### What does this mean for Jericho Kids' Club Summer programs?

We have learned a lot over the past several months about how to provide the best possible child care while integrating an array of health and safety measures in our programs.

We have prepared this document to highlight the key health and safety measures now in place, however families can access our complete staff operations manual on our website for more in depth information.

### Sign in and out procedures:

- Kiosks will be set up at outdoor entrances to all of our programs. We will sign your child in at the entrance and escort your child to our hand washing station. ***Please avoid entering the child care space.***
- Our staff will retrieve your child if they are in the child care space for pick up.
- If your child is outside during pick up, please locate a staff member, and they'll guide them inside to grab their items before departing.

### Illness and Symptoms:

We have updated COVID-19 related illness and symptom guidelines in your parent agreement. In the agreement it states:

#### A. Health & Safety

- That to attend the centre, my child must be well enough to participate in all aspects of the program including outdoor play. My child cannot attend the centre and may not return until symptoms subside AND clearance is issued from a health care provider, should any of the following circumstances apply to our family.
  - My child or a member of our household exhibits symptoms of COVID-19 as outlined by Canadian Public Health Offices.
  - My child or a member of our household has traveled outside Canada within the past fourteen days.

- My child or a member of our household has been identified as a close contact of someone who has tested positive for COVID-19.
- That I will, to the best of my ability, answer screening questions accurately upon my child's arrival at Jericho Kids' Club.
- That I will adhere to all healthy and safety requirements designed to address public health concerns as requested by Jericho Kids' Club as they pertain to my child's attendance and participation in the program.
- That I will advise the staff of any changes in my child's health and update any records immediately upon any changes occurring.
- That in order to safeguard the health and well-being of all children, I understand that the supervisor has the right to exclude my child from the center and I will provide, upon the supervisor's request, written medical clearance from a health care provider before my child is re-admitted.

### **Hand Washing:**

Hand washing with soap and water is the single most effective way to reduce the spread of illness. Children in particular often forget about proper handwashing, so staff will practice modelling and guidance in a responsive way. Staff can offer guidance by offering reminders about handwashing before a transition, prompting children when it is time to wash their hands, and offering information about proper handwashing.

6 Steps to Proper Hand washing:

1. Wet hands with warm running water.
2. Apply a small amount of liquid soap.
3. Rub hands together for at least 20 seconds (sing a song: happy birthday x2, row-row-row your boat x2, ABCs – look up fun alternatives to keep it fresh!). Rub palms, back of hands, between fingers, and under nails while creating a lather.
4. Rinse off all soap with warm running water.
5. Dry hands with a clean, disposable paper towel.
6. Discard the used paper towel in organics bin. (BC Ministry of Health, 2020)

### **Physical distancing:**

Physical distancing is one of the most effective ways to slow the spread of COVID-19. Physical distancing (previously described as social distancing) means that individuals must allow for 2 meters (6 feet) of space in between themselves and anyone outside their household. Physical distancing works by preventing droplets from someone who is ill from reaching another person through direct inhalation (World Health Organization, 2020). Remember – droplets can still land on surfaces and be picked up by touch, which is why proper handwashing and sanitation routines are also key.

For the safety of our families and each other, all staff who are currently working at JKC must adhere to physical distancing practices in both their personal and professional lives.

We have arranged groupings of children during our summer program into 'group bubbles.' This will assist us in creating consistent interactions with children and staffing on a weekly basis.

### **More outdoor programming:**

We will be regularly offering programming outside and will be setting up part of our daily programming in adjoining courtyards. This will allow for better air flow and therefore decrease the potential for disease transmission.

### **Enhanced cleaning and disinfecting:**

Regular cleaning and disinfecting of objects and high-touch surfaces are essential to help prevent the transmission of COVID-19 from contaminated objects and surfaces.

- General cleaning and disinfecting of the centres will occur at least once a day.

- Frequently touched surfaces will be cleaned and disinfected at least twice a day.
- These include door knobs, light switches, faucet handles, table counters, chairs, electronic devices, and toys. (BC Centre for Disease, 2020)

A dedicated staff will be scheduled to support cleaning and sanitizing throughout the day when possible.

**PPE while on private bus rental trips:**

While this is not mandatory, we are asking families to send children with non-medical grade face masks for trips on our private bus trips. We have hired First Student to take children on several trips to outdoor parks this summer. First Student is following industry recommended COVID guidelines. If we arrive at an out trip destination and the space is deemed to be too populated, we will have the bus driver take us to another location or simply return to the center.