

# Health and Safety Procedures



The health and safety of the children in our care is our top priority.  
This guide is a summary of our Health and Safety Policy which builds upon the Alberta Health & Safety Childcare Guidelines, as well as the Child Care Licensing Act.  
Please keep this guide to reference when needed.

## Self-Screening

- Before arrival, the parent/caregiver will assess whether their child is well and fit to attend our program
- Before arrival, the educators will assess themselves for symptoms and ensure they are well enough to work at our program

## Hand Washing

- Children and educators will wash their hands upon entering the program, frequently during the day, and before leaving the program
- Parents and visitors will hand sanitize their hands before entering the program

## Masks/Vaccinations

- Adult and child masks are available on-site for educators, families, visitors, and children
- Vaccinations/immunizations are strongly recommended at our program but not mandatory

## Sanitization

- Enhanced cleaning, sanitation, and disinfection of the program
- Frequently-touched surfaces (e.g., doorknobs, light switches, table counters) twice a day
- All cleaning in rooms will be recorded for accuracy

## Symptoms

- Educators, parents/caregivers, and children must not enter if they are showing symptoms
- If a child develops symptoms while at daycare, parents will be contacted to pick up their child
  - Any of the symptoms listed in Schedule 1 of the Communicable Diseases (Pink Eye, Scabies, Hand, Foot & Mouth, Head Lice, Impetigo)
  - When a child has two diarrhea or vomiting incidents
  - When a child has a fever that is not due to teething
  - When a child is not able to participate comfortably in program activities
- The child can return to the program when the child has been symptom free for 24 hours or has a note from a physician indicating the child does not pose a health risk to the program

## Medication

- Educators will administer medication to children if the following guidelines are met
  - Proper medication form is filled out and includes a parent/guardian signature
  - Medication is in original container, with the child's name and it is not expired
  - Emergency medications (EpiPen/Inhalers) stay on-site but all other medications are sent home upon completion as noted on the medication form