

# COVID-19 Update for Parents

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## Safety Protocols

Our first priority is to deliver high-quality programming while keeping all children and staff safe. With that in mind, the Club has adopted policies designed to meet government guidelines and protocols. We will keep this document updated to stay current with changing regulations.

- Program participants will be placed into groups in accordance to current regulations.
- Club staff and participants will enter and exit the bldg. through a dedicated entrance
- A COVID-19 response plan has been developed and will be implemented if a participant, staff, or volunteer is exposed to COVID-19.
- All staff and program participants will be screened before entry. Anyone feeling unwell must stay home or be picked up immediately.
- Daily attendance records will be used to support contact tracing by the Health Unit if needed.
- All rooms and equipment will be thoroughly cleaned and disinfected daily; cleaning protocols will meet or exceed provincial standards. Supplies and equipment that cannot be easily disinfected have been removed.
- Groups will have specific room and equipment assignments with no crossover
- Program participants will be required to maintain social distancing.
- Hand hygiene will be encouraged, and hand hygiene stations provided.
- Staff and participants must wear PPE at all times.
- Supervisors will be in place to monitor social distancing, safety, quality of programming, hand hygiene, support staff and other related needs.
- No persons other than Club personnel and participants will be allowed in our rooms or common areas during program hours.

### **Dropoff and Pickup Procedure**

The Club has a dedicated entrance at the Forsythe St side of the building this is the only door to be used for Drop off and Pick up



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## **Summer Program**

Parents dropping off or picking up their child must;

- stay in their car,
- call us upon arrival at 519-337-3651

A member of our staff will come out to meet you

- to take your child's temperature
- to have you answer screening questions if we have not already received your screening questionnaire and,
- to accompany your child into the Club

Your child(ren) must be wearing a mask before entering the building and must sanitize their hands before entering the program area

## **Bus Drop off – After School Program**

- Staff will meet the participants at the bus.

All children must be wearing a mask before entering the building. The staff will ensure that social distancing is observed as they enter the club.

Before entering the program space they will be taken to the screening area where they will be required to

- Sanitize their hands
- Answer a few screening questions
- Receive a temperature check

## Screening and Safety FAQ

### **Are Health Screening Questionnaires required?**

All parents will be required to complete and submit a health questionnaire every day that that your child is attending.

It must be submitted, by email, no later than

- **8:00 am** for Summer Camp
- **3:00 pm** for After School program

### **How can you ensure my child's safety while attending programs?**

This is a vital question and one the Club takes very seriously. The Club has developed

protocol and policies to support a safe environment using guidance and direction from Public Health.

**What if my child has a symptom in the morning, and I plan to keep them at home? Can they return to care the next day if the symptom is gone?**

The Health Unit has recommended that they get a COVID-19 test or isolate for 14 days. Your child will also need to pass our screening on their return before they can return to the program.

**What will happen if a child attends and is showing flu-like symptoms?**

Based on Public Health guidelines, our staff are monitoring children throughout program hours for any change in wellness. If a staff member or child shows any of the following symptoms, they will be sent home immediately: fever, cough, difficulty breathing, muscle aches, chills, headache, sore throat, runny nose, loss of taste/smell, vomiting, diarrhea, pink eye, stomach ache.

If a child becomes sick while in a program, they will be isolated in a designated room where they are monitored from a physical distance of 2 metres. Caregivers will be called to pick up the child, and the Health Unit will be notified. All items that have they touched will be cleaned and disinfected.

If a child has been excluded from the program due to an observed symptom of ill health while in attendance at the program, you will be encouraged to have your child tested for COVID-19. If the test results are negative, your child has been 24 hours without symptoms, and you can provide documented proof of negative test results they will be allowed to return. If the family is not comfortable completing a COVID-19 test, the Club will not be able to offer service for 14 days from the onset and will seek continued feedback from public health.

Siblings or other family members, of the child that is symptomatic, who reside in the same household must be excluded from the program until the child is permitted to return.

Staff and Supervisors will continue to follow and seek advice from local public health on any further steps up to and including temporary closure of the Club and possible additional quarantines.

**Any days missed due to COVID-19 testing and/or illness will be refunded.**

**Will staff be wearing masks?**

Staff are mandated to wear face and eye protection at all times.

**Will children need to wear masks?**

Face coverings are mandated by the City of Sarnia for all persons. The children will be required to wear a mask or face shield during the program. We will provide each child with a face shield and have a supply of disposable masks for children who may require one. The face shields cover from forehead to collarbone and may provide some respite for the irritation to the ears caused by wearing face mask for long periods of time. They also allow us to see the children's facial expressions. They will be disinfected nightly and placed in the child's "cubby". Please let us know if you have an objection to the use of face shields.

**What do I need to send with my child?**

Please refer to the registration package for your program which will outline what to send with your child.

**How many children will you be able to accommodate in your programs?**

Under current regulations we are able to accommodate 10 children in each room.

**How will the Club decide who receives spots where there is greater demand?**

Program registrations, as always, will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.

**Will subsidies be available?**

Fee subsidies will follow our normal process. The form is available on our website