



## **Tiny Sprouts Daycare: COVID-19 Policy, Protocols, Safety Plan**

Tiny Sprouts will follow the **BC Centre for Disease Control's – Public Health Guidance for Child Care Settings During the Covid-19 Pandemic** as closely as possible with strict attention to Appendix B: Daily Health Check and Appendix D: What to Do if a Child or Staff Member Develops Symptoms.

Educators, parent/guardians and children must stay home if they are feeling unwell. Anyone entering Tiny Sprouts must perform a Daily Health Check as outlined in **the BC Centre for Disease Control's – Public Health Guidance for Child Care Settings During the Covid-19 Pandemic.**

**Do you have any of the following new key symptoms?**

### **Key Symptoms of Illness**

- Fever
- Chills
- Cough or worsening of chronic cough
- Breathing difficulties (breathing fast or working hard to breath)
- Loss of sense of smell or taste
- Diarrhea
- Nausea and vomiting

### **International travel**

- Have you returned from travel outside Canada in the last 14 days?

### **Confirmed Contact**

- Are you a confirmed contact of a person confirmed to have COVID-19?

**If you answer “YES” to two or more of the questions included under ‘Key Symptoms of Illness’, or you have a fever or difficulty breathing, DO NOT enter the building and seek a health assessment. If a health assessment is required, you should not return to the child care until COVID-19 has been excluded and your symptoms have improved.**

**If you answer “YES” to only one of the questions included in ‘Key Symptoms of Illness’ (excluding fever and difficulty breathing), you should stay home for 24 hours from when the symptoms started. If the symptom improves, you may return to child care when feeling well. If the symptoms persists or worsen, seek a health assessment.**

**If you answer “YES” to questions 2 and 3, use the COVID-19 Self Assessment Tool <https://bc.thrive.health/> to determine if you should seek testing for COVID-19.**

If a COVID-19 test is recommended as a result of the health assessment, self-isolate while waiting for results

**If the COVID-19 test is positive, self-isolate and follow the direction of public health**

**If the COVID-19 test is negative, return to the child care facility once well enough to participate**

**If a COVID-19 test is recommended but not done, self-isolate for 10 days after the onset of symptoms and return when you or the child are well enough to participate.**

If a COVID-19 test is not recommended, staff or children may return when well enough to participate.

If staff or child develops symptoms in care, Tiny Sprouts will follow protocols as identified in **BC Centre for Disease Control’s – Public Health Guidance for Child Care Centres During the Covid-19 Pandemic** Appendix D: What to Do if a Child or Staff Member Develops Symptoms

<b>If a Child Develops Any New Symptoms of Illness While in a Child Care Setting</b>	<b>If a Develops Any New Symptoms of Illness While in a Child Care Setting</b>
<p>Staff must take the following steps:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Immediately separate the symptomatic child from others in a supervised area.</li> <li>2. Contact the child’s parent or caregiver to pick them up as soon as possible.</li> <li>3. Where possible, maintain a 2-metre distance from the ill child. If not possible, staff should wear a non-medical mask or face covering if available and tolerated or use a tissue to cover their nose and mouth.</li> <li>4. Provide the child tissues to cover their coughs or sneezes. Throw away used tissues as soon as possible and perform hand hygiene.</li> <li>5. Avoid touching the child’s body fluids (e.g., mucous, saliva). If you do, practice diligent hand hygiene.</li> <li>6. Once child is picked up, practice diligent hand hygiene.</li> <li>7. Staff responsible for facility cleaning must clean and disinfect the space where the child was separated and any areas recently used by them (e.g., classroom, bathroom, common areas).</li> </ol> <p>Parents or caregivers should pick up their child as soon as possible if they are notified their child is ill.</p>	<p>Staff should go home as soon as possible. If unable to leave immediately:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Symptomatic staff should separate themselves into an area away from others.</li> <li>2. Maintain a distance of 2 metres from others.</li> <li>3. Use a tissue or non-medical mask to cover their nose and mouth while they wait to be picked up.</li> <li>4. Staff responsible for facility cleaning must clean and disinfect the space where the staff member was separated and any areas used by them (e.g., classroom, bathroom, common areas).</li> </ol>
<p><b>Child and staff should return to the child care facility according to the guidance in this document. A health-care provider note should not be required for children or staff to return.</b></p>	

## **Drop off and pick up**

- Parents/Guardians are asked to please wear a mask at drop-off and pick-up
- Parents/Guardians and children must use hand sanitizer immediately after entering the building and before going upstairs
- Parents/Guardians will remain outside the classrooms and will remove their shoes if it is absolutely necessary to enter classrooms
- ONLY ONE adult from each family is permitted to drop-off/pick-up child(ren) at a time
- Parents/Guardians are to maintain a 2 metre distance as much as possible – only one family is permitted in the cubby area at a time
- Educators will wear a mask when greeting parents and maintain a 2 metre distance as much as possible

## **Drop off**

Children will be changed into their inside shoes (these will be left at the centre and will ONLY be used in the classroom) and immediately brought to the washroom to wash their hands. Parents will remain outside the classroom and must remove their shoes if entering for any reason.

## **Pick up**

As much as possible, children will be outside during pick up time. All of the children's belongings will be brought outside to take home.

When weather or daylight does not permit children to be outside at pick up, parents can enter the centre to collect their children outside the classroom doors.

## **Cleaning and disinfecting**

Tiny Sprouts will continue to follow our daily cleaning and disinfecting practices with added attention to high touch surfaces, e.g., door knobs, light switches, faucet handles, tables, counters, chairs, electronic devices, toys etc.

Tiny Sprouts will remove toys and other items that cannot be easily cleaned (e.g., plush/stuffed toys)

Bedding will go home to be washed daily

**Tiny Sprouts Daycare's COVID-19 policy, protocols and safety plan will be updated as new information is provided from the BC government.**