



A.C.E. COVID-19 Risk Mitigation Plan

Safety

- Children will now be back in the classroom that is appropriate for their age group. At this time any educator/staff member will need to wear a mask when with children that are outside of their own cohort.
- Staff members, parents and children **must not attend the program** if they are sick, even if symptoms resemble a mild cold.
- Management will greet children and parents at one of two entrances (main door or baby room door) to administer a brief questionnaire (active symptom screening). Parents will not be allowed to enter the program. Children will be received or brought to the door by one of the ACE educators and communication including messages can be shared at that time. We ask that parents drop off/pick up within 1.5 hours of opening or closing or inform management ahead of time if you require a different time facilitated.
- Programs must keep daily records of anyone entering and attending the facility who stays for 15 minutes or longer. This means there will not be anyone on site that is not deemed essential.
- Any program connected to a confirmed or probable case of COVID-19 will be required to close for a minimum of 72 hours to allow contact tracing and then adhere to recommendations from the Government of Alberta. We will be following the direction of Alberta Health Services following a positive test, which will determine when we will be able to accept children back into the program.
- If a child develops symptoms while at the program, the child will be isolated away from other children and the parent or guardian will be notified to come and pick up the child immediately.
- If a child or staff member develops symptoms that are one of the listed COVID-19 primary or secondary symptoms, they will call 811 and be tested to confirm that it is not the source of the symptoms before returning to A.C.E.
- A.C.E. will continue to require doctor's notes for the same circumstances as previously indicated in our policies. (ex: unexplained rash, conjunctivitis or eye infection)

Use of shared spaces

- Playground and gym equipment will be sanitized between each cohort's use of the space.
- Washrooms will be monitored for any soiled stalls including visible fluids on the floor or toilets. When this is observed, washrooms will be sanitized immediately. We will try and maintain same stalls and sinks used for the same cohort.
- All surfaces will be sanitized in the rooms and washrooms every 2 hours minimum unless necessary more frequently.
- Children will go back to using the cubbies outside of their appropriate classroom, and cubbies will be sanitized throughout the day.
- Regular end of day commercial cleaning by contracted company will continue.

Food Service

- No self-serve or family style meal service
- Snacks and lunch will be prepared by a designated cook and will be plated for the children
- Children should each have their own labeled, reusable water bottle to leave at the program. ACE will sanitize these throughout the day.
- Children will practice physical distancing while eating, which means eating will happen in shifts.
- Educators will wear masks when preparing and serving food and helping the children to eat

Diapering/Toileting

- Staff will wear masks while changing children and will continue to follow proper diapering procedures as recommended by Alberta Health Services.
- All children will be supervised (helped) to wash their hands properly.

Programming

- Circle time will be done distanced and educators will wear masks to prevent spread of droplets when speaking in front of children. Singing in a group will be discouraged.
- A.C.E. will still contribute to the children's learning stories as much as possible during this time, but due to limited staffing these may be delayed and we ask for your patience at this time. We will not be allowing children to take these books home right now.

Personal Belongings

Children should be sent with the following:

- Bottom sheet for cot/mat
- Blanket
- Appropriate outerwear for weather (jacket, hat)
- One extra set of clothing
- Diapers/wipes/underwear
- Reusable water bottle
- Sunscreen

- One comfort item can be provided (stuffy) as long as it is washable and stays at the program the duration of the week or is washed each morning prior to being sent.
- A new toothbrush sent in a sealed bag which will be kept in individual cubbies.
- Toothpaste (if you are not comfortable using what you already have here)

PLEASE DO NOT SEND

- Toys from home
- Pillows
- Swimwear
- Electronics
- Outerwear not appropriate for current season

The less personal items coming in from home, the better.
Please only send what is absolutely necessary to make
your child comfortable here.