

Scottish Rite Learning Centres – Halifax / Truro
PROTOCOL AND POLICY
COMMUNICABLE DISEASES (Including Covid-19)

Effective November 1, 2024

Vaccination Policy of the Halifax and Truro Learning Centres

The Learning Centre has a responsibility to provide reasonable protection to all volunteers, employees, children and the communities we serve, and it is for this reason that it is critical that the Centre take all reasonable precautions to protect against the spread of communicable diseases (including Covid-19) which are spread by contact, droplet or airborne transmission.

Currently, the Centre recommends that all children, tutors and volunteers receive up to date vaccinations in accordance with guidance from the Nova Scotia Public Health authority. The Learning Centre reserves the right to change our requirements as public health policy evolves, which may require mask wearing or vaccinations in the future as a condition of admission or continued participation in the activities of the Centre. In such case, it may become a requirement to provide the Centre with the status of vaccination confirmation when requested by the Centre.

CURRENT PROTOCOLS:

- 1. Everyone is expected to self-assess for any health symptoms that could be contagious before coming to the Centre. Please do not come to the Centre if you have any of these symptoms or are feeling ill.**
2. Hand sanitizer is in the entry way, between doors, for use before coming into the Halifax Centre. In Truro, sanitizer is available in waiting room.
3. While masks are not currently required by anyone who comes into the Centre, we encourage mask wearing especially during times when the risk of communicable disease is high (such as in the fall and winter).
4. In Halifax, the plexiglass barrier will remain in the reception area for the protection of the desk volunteers. Truro will be installing a plex-glass screen on the volunteer desk.

5. The parent/guardian will sign the child in and are welcome to stay in our waiting area.
6. There will continue to be plexiglass sneeze/cough barriers available in tutoring rooms should tutors wish to use one.
7. Each child will have their own set of materials, (white board markers, pencils, erasers, etc.).
8. Reading material that is being carried over between sessions will remain in with the child's materials until it has been completed.
9. At the end of the lesson, parents/guardians who have not stayed in the waiting area must come in and sign out the child.
10. Tutors will be responsible for sanitizing the tutoring space, between their own children if they tutor more than one, and at the end of their allotted time. The Centre will provide an approved clinical surface disinfectant.
- 11.** In Halifax, desk volunteers will be responsible for sanitizing touch points in the lobby. In Truro, the desk volunteers will sanitize the waiting room.
12. Desk volunteers in each location will sanitize their work area, including the telephone, at the end of their shift.

**This document will be re-evaluated on a regular basis,
and adjusted to reflect conditions.**