



Kerry Park Recreation Centre

Home Alone + First Aid

Parent Guidelines during COVID-19

Our primary focus is to ensure the safety of staff and children attending our programs. Additional health and safety precautions have been put in place to minimize the risk at our facility. In order to provide the highest level of care and safety, CVRD will follow guidelines set out by WorkSafeBC, Public Health, and BCRPA. We ask that you thoroughly read and strictly adhere to these guidelines to assist us in minimizing risk.

Attendance Prerequisite

In order to minimize physical contact between children and staff and encourage physical distancing, it is imperative that your child is responsible enough to strictly adhere to these guidelines in order to attend. We ask that parents discuss these guidelines with their child prior to attending to help them understand what COVID-19 is and why it is important to follow these guidelines.

Screening

Parents will be expected to screen their child and immediate family within the household prior to arriving at the program. Staff will be required to ask parents the following screening questions prior to your child attending:

Is/has your child or anyone in your family:

1. Showing signs or symptoms of respiratory infection, such as cough, shortness of breath, or sore throat?
2. Experiencing a fever with a temperature of 38C or higher, or taken any fever reducing medications in the last 12 hours?
3. Experiencing any flu-like symptoms including diarrhea in the last 24 hours?
4. Travelled outside of Canada in the last 14 days?
5. Been in contact with anyone that has displayed symptoms of COVID-19 in the last 14 days?

Entry will be denied to any person, including the child, if any member of the household is experiencing any of the above.

Drop off/Pick up Procedure

To minimize the exposure to both staff and children, the drop off and pick up procedures will be modified during COVID-19. The process will be as follows:

Drop off

- Parent/Guardian will follow directional signage through the entry point; parents will use line up markers if there is more than one family dropping off at the same time.
- Staff and Parent/Guardian to maintain 2 metre physical distance
- Staff will conduct a health screening with the parent
- If it is confirmed that the child is healthy to attend, parents will say their goodbyes at the door and staff will verbally take responsibility of the child who is now in our care.
- Staff will physically sign the child in.
- Child will proceed to the washroom to wash their hands
- To minimize touch points, staff will prop door open wherever possible.

Pick up

- One Staff member to be posted at the door to assist with parents coming in
- Parents will use the lineup markers if there is more than one family at the same time.
- Child to wash hands prior to exiting.
- Staff and Adult to maintain 2 metre physical distance.
- Staff to verbally pass care of child back to parent.
- Return to room and sign the child out of our care.
- To minimize touch points, staff will prop door open wherever possible.
- Staff hands must be washed at any point you may have touched child's belongings, door handles, etc.

Handwashing

Staff will enforce increased handwashing for both themselves and children, utilizing the posted procedures within the facility. Handwashing will occur:

- Upon arrival and before departure
- Before and after any transitions
- Before and after eating and drinking
- After using the toilet
- After sneezing or coughing
- Whenever their hands are visibly dirty

Physical Distancing in a Children's Program Setting

Understandably, physical distancing is challenging in a children's program setting. The focus in children's settings is to **minimize physical contact**. At the same time, it will be important that staff do what they can to assist children in learning about physical distancing. Staff will use creative ideas and visual cues, and split children into smaller group sizes for activities throughout the day.

Additional Safety Measures We Ask of You

- Lunch/snacks – it is your responsibility to provide your child with enough food to get them through the program. Food sharing will not be allowed. We ask that you send your child only with their lunch/snacks for the day in a clean lunch bag that includes an ice pack (if refrigerated items included), disposable cutlery (or if disposable is not an option, cutlery placed in a Ziploc bag) and a water bottle as fountain use will not be an option.

- You will be required to report any illness or COVID-19 related exposure to staff immediately.
- **You are encouraged to wear a mask when you are entering and exiting the facility, using the washroom, and accessing common areas within the facility**

Displaying Symptoms While in Care

If a staff member or child displays any symptoms of illness while in program, they will be expected to leave immediately. It is important that you, or an emergency contact, is available to come right away if contacted. If your child displays symptoms while in care, the following steps will be taken:

- Child will be moved to an isolated area with a staff member.
- Parent will be contacted immediately.
- Remaining children will be moved to a clean area and staff will conduct a thorough cleaning of the spaces where the symptomatic person was, prior to re-entry.

Cleaning of Facility

- All areas of the facility will be cleaned and disinfected daily
- Staff will disinfect any shared supplies or equipment (to be limited)

Agreement to these Guidelines

After you have reviewed these guidelines, please sign and return the COVID-19 Assumption of Risk and Permission Form. Please be aware that the health and safety of staff and children is our priority. Children who are unable to follow these guidelines will not be able to attend the program and you may be called and asked to pick up early.