

Adventure Hours Nursery School

Parent/Guardian Agreement

Under Provincial direction, Adventure Hours Nursery School may operate following strict Health and Safety Protocols to prevent the spread of COVID-19 and to ensure the safety of childcare staff, children, their families and Essential Visitors.

What is COVID-19?

COVID-19 is a new strain of Coronavirus that has not been previously seen in humans. The virus can cause symptoms like the common cold but can advance, in some cases, to severe respiratory illness or even death. COVID-19 can be spread from person to person, usually after close contact with someone infected with the virus.

Health and Illness Protocol for COVID-19

Children who are ill should **NOT** attend Adventure Hours Nursery School.

To manage the risk of spreading illness within Adventure Hours, the Chatham-Kent Public Health Unit has provided direction on cleaning/sanitation protocols and personal health care practices including frequent hand washing. The Chatham-Kent Public Health Unit also recommends daily screening of all individuals entering the childcare facility beyond the Screening Station. This includes children, staff and Essential Visitors. Temperature checks will also be conducted at this time. Individuals must get a PASS on the screening to enter the program. In addition to daily active screening, all children will be monitored throughout the day for emerging signs or symptoms of illness.

COVID-19 screening results, including contact information, collected by Adventure Hours during the screening process may be provided to the Chatham-Kent Public Health Unit to help manage and reduce the risk of spreading the COVID-19 virus in the child care program.

As a Parent/Guardian, you can prevent the spread of illness by keeping your child(ren) home from the program if your child(ren) are ill.

Screening:

- To protect the health of all individuals at Adventure Hours, staff will support the arrival and pick up routine for families. A staff member at the Screening Station will complete the COVID-19 Screening for Children Entering Child Care checklist upon arrival which will include a temperature check. The child must PASS the screen before entering the child care the program past the Screening Station. See Childcare Health Screening Log.
- Once screening is completed and the child(ren) PASS, an Adventure Hours staff will escort the child(ren) to their designated room. Parents/guardians will not be permitted to enter past the Screening Station. Pick-up and drop-off of child(ren) will occur at the designated Screening Station.

Children, child care staff and Essential Visitors with **ANY new or worsening symptom** of COVID-19, must stay home until:

- They receive a negative COVID-19 test result
- They receive an alternative diagnosis by a Health Care Professional, or
- It has been 10 days since their symptom onset and they are feeling better

The Provincial Screening Tool has been updated to reflect this change and is available at <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/school-screening/>. New printed copies of the screening questions will also be available at Screening Stations for parents to reference.

Any individual that does not pass this on-site screening procedure will be asked to return home and self-isolate until they meet the criteria for return.

A staff, child and/or Essential visitor will be excluded when exhibiting any signs or symptoms of illness or if the child is unable to participate in regular programming due to illness.

Common symptoms that may be due to COVID-19 infection include one or more of the following:

- Fever (temperature of 37.8C or higher) and/or chills
- New or worsening cough or barking cough (croup)
- Shortness of breath
- Decrease or loss of smell or taste
- Sore throat or difficulty swallowing
- Runny or stuffy/congested nose (except seasonal allergies, nasal drip, etc.)

- Headache that's unusual or long lasting
- Nausea, vomiting and/or diarrhea
- Extreme tiredness that is unusual or muscle aches

*If your child(ren) experience any of the signs or symptoms listed above while at Adventure Hours, staff will contact you or one of your Emergency Contacts to pick up your child(ren) immediately. While your child(ren) waits for you or designated person to arrive, he/she will be separated from other children.

Isolation requirement for household contacts of symptomatic individuals

- All children, child care staff and Essential Visitors are now required to stay at home from child care if anyone in their household has new or worsening symptoms of COVID-19 and has been recommended for isolation and testing.
- All asymptomatic household contacts of symptomatic individuals are required to quarantine until the symptomatic household member:
 - receives a negative COVID-19 test result, or
 - receives an alternative diagnosis by a Health Care Professional
- If the symptomatic individual **tests positive**, or is **not tested** and does not receive an alternative diagnosis from a Health Care Professional, the symptomatic individual must isolate (including from household members) for 10 days from symptom onset and all household contacts must isolate until 14 days from their last contact with the symptomatic individual.

End of Exclusion

Individuals who are tested:

- Children, staff and/or Essential Visitors who test negative for COVID-19 must be excluded from the child care until 24 hours after symptoms resolution. Children, staff and Essential Visitors who test negative no longer need to connect with Public Health to be cleared to go back to child care/school. They can now return after being 24 hours symptom free.
- Children, staff and/or Essential Visitors who test positive for COVID-19 must be excluded from the child care for 10 days after the onset of symptoms. They must be symptom free for 24 hours and must receive clearance from the Chatham-Kent Public Health Unit prior to returning.

Individuals who are not tested:

- If a symptomatic individual is **not tested** and does not receive an alternative diagnosis from a Health Care Professional, the symptomatic individual must isolate (including from household

members) for 10 days from symptom onset and all household contacts must isolate until 14 days from their last contact with the symptomatic individual.

- They must be symptom free for 24 hours and must receive clearance from the Chatham-Kent Public Health Unit prior to returning.

As a Parent/Guardian responsible for my child(ren)'s child care placement, I agree to the following:

- I have read and understood the above information.
- I understand the risk of illness associated with placing my child(ren) in child care services.
- I agree to all screening requirements and to accurately respond to all screening questions, including the reporting of temperatures for all persons entering the centre. Misrepresentation on any screening questions, including temperatures or masking fevers with medication could result in the termination of my child care placement.
- I will not administer any medication to my child(ren) that may mask the symptoms of illness, such as Tylenol or Advil, prior to dropping my child(ren) off at Adventure Hours.
- I agree to exclude my child(ren) from Adventure Hours immediately upon observing any of the above signs or symptoms of illness until medically deemed able to return to care.

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____