



# SUPERLEARNERS CHILDCARELAND

Where Children Discover the World

## PANDEMIC SAFETY PLAN

### Dear Parents/Guardians/Staff

Recognizing that childcare programs may be the only option for essential service workers to secure childcare in order to work, our location has elected to remain open (with reduced services) to families at this time. Please remember that the COVID-19 public health emergency is rapidly changing, and our ability to remain open may change with little notice; or we may be ordered closed in the upcoming weeks by BC's Provincial Health Officer, Dr. Bonnie Henry, and/or our licensing officer.

As of today, Dr. Bonnie Henry is advising parents who can, to care for their children at home. For essential service workers, Dr. Henry maintains that childcare centers can safely care for children if they are following the prescribed health protocols.

*We do not recommend that children with any underlying health concerns attend childcare programs during the COVID-19 pandemic.*

Accordingly, please note the following COVID-19 Health and Wellness Policy, which applies to all staff and children within this facility.

- Superlearners Childcareland will run at reduced hours starting **Sept. 08, 2020** we will be open from **7:30am-5:30pm Monday- Friday**. This will help in staffing the center appropriately and so we can perform Pandemic Cleaning at the end of each day.
- Children will be asked to wash their hands upon arrival, after outside time, after toileting, before and after eating and before leaving for home. Parents/guardians are encouraged to wash their hands after pick-up & drops off. However, we ask that you do not use our facilities at this time. Hand sanitizer is highly recommended.
- To limit the risk of exposure within the center, Parents/Guardians will **not** be permitted to enter our daycare area at this point. We encourage parents to drop off and pick up from the door. Parents will not have access to our daycare or bathrooms at this time.
- Sign in/out sheets will be kept in the daycare and be filled out by a teacher.
- In addition to our regular cleaning duties we are following a Pandemic/Outbreak cleaning procedure with more frequent cleaning and sanitizing. High traffic areas such as doorknobs, handles, and doorbells will be cleaned as frequently as possible.
- After assessing ratios, staff and children are to spread themselves across the center making use of the spaces provided to support physical distancing.
- We are highly encouraging families to stay home **if and when they can**.
- Anyone who has or is in contact with someone who has travelled via commercial means (eg. Planes, Trains) in the last 14 days must stay home in self-quarantine for a minimum of 14 days.
- Anyone who is displaying any symptoms relating to illness (fever, cough, sneezing, etc.) will be sent home immediately and asked to stay home for a minimum of 14 days in self-quarantine.

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- All sensory/sand/water tables are to be fully sanitized (including toys) daily or more if needed.

Children will be asked to wash their hands prior to and after playing in any sensory activity. Smaller, individualized sensory activities are highly recommended.

- Fabric Toys/Surfaces are to remain bagged and removed from play areas until further notice.
- All tours for potential families will operate outside of business hours with strict protocols to ensure the lowest level of exposure within the centers.
- The Pandemic Health and Illness Policy will be strictly enforced and must be complied with to reduce risk of exposure to all children and staff. Parents/Guardians will be asked to sign the Pandemic Health Policy agreement as an acknowledgement of their understanding and compliance with our policies and procedures surrounding our Pandemic/Epidemic/Outbreak policies.
- Anyone who is displaying any symptoms relating to illness (fever, cough, sneezing, etc.) will be sent home immediately and asked to stay home for a minimum of 14 days in self- quarantine. In the event the person tests negative for COVID-19 and they can provide a copy of the test results to the organization they will be permitted back sooner.
- All children and staff to be scanned via touchless thermometer at the front entrance upon arrival to the center. Any child/adult displaying symptoms of a fever will be asked to leave/be picked up immediately and asked to follow the protocols of the Pandemic Health Policy agreement.
- Outside play is encouraged as much as possible. Teachers are encouraged to plan routines to support outside time within the daily routine, weather permitting.
- Toys are to be switched out and/or sanitized daily before being put back into the play area for use.
- All staff and families are asked to be mindful of the language they are using surrounding “Pandemics” or “COVID-19” and refrain from using negativity or fear induced language when speaking directly to or in front of children.
- Staff are encouraged to take opportunities to educate children when possible about proper hand washing techniques, ways to cover coughs/ sneezes, and any other appropriate health and safety procedures for the age group.
- All Infant/Toddler programs to continue having a “Mouthed” bin for any toys/items that have been contaminated. All items will be sanitized appropriately before being available again for play.
- PPE Equipment (Face Masks) is not recommended or mandated in a childcare environment by the Public Health Officer for BC. Staff and children may choose to wear PPE if they would like to. We will consistently review PPE recommendations set by the Public Health Officer of BC and the School Districts and adjust this regulation as needed.
- Without the Emergency Funding issued from the Government, we are unable to offer refunds or credits for care missed due to illness, quarantine or self-isolation.