



STAGE 3: YW Childcare Centre Policy and Procedures during Pandemic

YW Calgary has implemented numerous measures during the COVID-19 pandemic to help stop the spread and keep staff, clients and customers safe. These include but are not limited to signage, limiting elevator capacity, health checks, cleaning protocols, sneeze guards and social distancing reminders.

New guidance for childcare programs has been issued and comes into effect on July 1st. We are modifying our protocols to meet these new guidelines.

If a section of this document is inconsistent or in conflict with the Province of Alberta or Chief Medical Officer of Health (CMOH) Orders the Province of Alberta or CMOH Order prevails to the extent of the inconsistency or conflict.

We are taking our directions from Alberta Health Services (AHS) and Alberta Children's Ministries.

1. We are not mandated to keep cohorts of 30 persons but will continue to keep groups of children separated from other groups as much as possible.
2. Health checks
 - a. Parents are expected to screen and submit a health check form no more than 2 hours prior to or upon arrival at the childcare including a temperature check. The Health Check Form can be found on the iPad at the entrance of the Childcare Centre and at the following link:
<https://interceptum.com/s/en/childcare-healthcheck>



- a. We recommend saving this link on your phone for ease of submission.
 - b. For reference, normal temperatures are:
 - Mouth: 35.5-37.5 C (95.9 – 99.5 F)
 - Underarm: 36.5-37.5 C (97.7 -99.5 F)
 - Forehead: 36.6 – 38.00 (97.9 – 100.4 F)
 - Ear (not recommended in children under 2 years): 35.8 – 38 C (96.4 – 100.4 F)
3. COVID-19 symptomatic:
 - a. Staff, parents and children must not enter the space if they are not feeling well or have COVID-19 symptoms
 - b. If a child develops COVID-19 symptoms while at the Childcare Centre the parent will be notified to pick up the child immediately and when possible the child will be removed to our waiting room with a staff member.
 - c. **All Albertans** are required to follow all applicable Chief Medical Officer of Health (CMOH) Orders including the continued requirement for isolation and quarantine.
 - d. **A child that has any new onset (or worsening) of any COVID-19 symptoms listed on the Alberta Health Daily Checklist that is not related to a pre-existing health condition or if they test positive for COVID-19 is legally required to isolate for 10 days from the start of their symptoms, or until symptoms resolve, whichever takes longer.**

- e. If a child has any new onset (or worsening) of any COVID-19 symptoms: Fever, cough, shortness of breath, loss of sense of smell as listed on the Alberta Health Daily Checklist and is not tested for COVID-19, the child must isolate for 10 days from symptom onset, or until symptoms resolve, whichever takes longer.
 - f. Symptoms of: Chills, Sore throat, runny nose/congestion, feeling unwell/fatigue, nausea, vomiting and/or diarrhea, unexplained loss of appetite, muscle/joint aches, headaches, or conjunctivitis will require families to keep your child home and monitor for 24 hours. If their symptoms are improving after 24 hours they can return to childcare when they feel well enough to go. Testing is not necessary. If the symptom does not improve or worsens after 24 hours (or additional symptoms emerge) call health link 811 to check if testing is recommended. If there are 2 or more symptoms keep your child home and call Health Link 811 to determine if testing is recommended. Your child can return to childcare once their symptoms go away as long as it has been at least 24 hours since the symptoms started.
 - g. Proof of a negative COVID-19 test result is not necessary to return to the Childcare Centre.
 - h. Programs, such as YW Childcare Centre, directly associated with a confirmed or probable case of COVID-19 must adhere to requirements from AHS and Alberta Children's Ministries. This may include temporary program closure to help prevent the spread of this virus.
4. COVID-19 health measures in place at YW Calgary:
- a. YW staff will adhere to handwashing guidelines as outlined on posters, visual cues and AHS Health and Safety Child Care Guidelines and will cover coughs and sneezes and avoid touching faces
 - b. Where possible, social distancing will occur between families and between staff.
5. PPE
- a. Childcare staff will be wearing PPE and have been advised on the proper use of these precautionary measures.
 - b. Parents are required to wear a face covering (non-medical or cloth) while in the facility.
 - c. Children are not required to wear a face covering (non-medical or cloth) while at the childcare
6. Cleaning
- a. YW will engage in frequent and thorough cleaning each day
 - b. YW is following AHS guidelines and using the recommended products
7. Play:
- a. Sensory experiences, dress up clothing and soft toys/pillows will be allowed in the classrooms and cleaned after daily use.
 - b. Toys have been limited and will be washed after use and traded often
 - c. Field trips that require group transportation, holiday events, performances or celebrations are postponed until further notice. We can provide activities outside of the childcare setting that can be accessed by walking. We will visit green spaces for nature play and if using a public or school playground will ensure that children engage in hand hygiene before and after play.
8. YW Childcare is not currently open to non-essential visitors and volunteers. Parents and guardians may enter the program when needed but should minimize their time and are required to wear a face covering (non-surgical or cloth) and stay two meters away from staff and other children at all times.

Fees:

No refunds or credits will be given due to illness or unexpected closure.

Knowing how quickly family needs change during this time due to work situations and other variables, we will not require one month notice of withdrawal but also will not be issuing refunds or credits for fees or deposits already paid.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date: