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Eden Daycare Inc. will resume childcare services from 7:00 am to 6:00 pm

POLICY

Eden Daycare Inc. is committed to protecting children, families, staff, volunteers, and essential visitors from the potential adverse effects as a result of exposure to COVID-19. The policy is designed to promote awareness, minimize the potential for exposure to infections, contamination, illness from other health hazards, management during the pandemic and outbreak management. This Policy is a revision of the COVID-19 Policy, to align with some recommendations coming from the province, but slowly and safely transitioning to pre pandemic operations.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to establish a Child Care Plan for the provision of care for our staff, the families we serve, their children, any contractors (church staff, suppliers etc.) or essential visitors to Eden Daycare Inc. as well as the community. As part of our “Due Diligence” to provide a safe environment, Eden Daycare Inc. will develop and implement standards and procedures for the protection of our staff against COVID-19.

SCOPE

Our goals are to evaluate all jobs and tasks that our staff would engage in, all areas the children will use or be exposed to, the possible exposure to COVID-19 and how can we minimize or eliminate the risk of exposure. We will assess all areas of our center, jobs and other areas that may expose the children or staff to infection. Once we have assessed those hazards, we will develop controls that will ensure the safety of the children and staff. We will take into consideration elements such as ensuring we understand how to prevent the transferring of contagions and understand COVID-19, what kinds of controls are needed to protect staff such as sanitizing, cleaning, and means of distancing staff from each other.

WHAT IS COVID-19

Novel Coronavirus Disease: COVID-19: The Facts
 Coronaviruses (CoV) are a large family of viruses that cause illness ranging from the common cold to more severe diseases. In December 2019, an outbreak of a novel coronavirus, not previously identified in humans, was reported in Wuhan, China. The new virus was named SARS-CoV-2 and the disease caused by this virus was named coronavirus disease 2019, or COVID-19.

How does COVID-19 spread?

COVID-19, like other coronaviruses, are spread from person to person through droplets when someone coughs or sneezes and close contact (Close contact is being coughed or sneezed on or being within 2 meters of an individual with COVID-19 symptoms for at least 15 minutes cumulatively (in total), without wearing a medical mask and eye protection) with someone’s infectious droplets. The virus survives up to 72 hours on plastic/stainless steel, 24 hours on paper/cardboard but there is no research to prove that human infection could occur.

What is known about the virus and infection?

- Incubation period: – About 5 days (1 to 14 days)

- Period of communicability/ transmission: – During the symptomatic state – Transmission possible before symptom onset – We don't know the full role of asymptomatic transmission

What are the symptoms of COVID-19?

Symptoms range from mild to severe pneumonia and death.

The most common symptoms include:

- Fever
- New or worsening cough
- Difficulty breathing
- Sore throat or difficulty swallowing
- Nausea/vomiting, diarrhea or abdominal pain
- Loss of smell or taste disorder
- Nasal congestion or runny nose (excluding allergies)

Currently, treatment for COVID19 patients involves supportive care and alleviating symptoms. Most people with illness will recover on their own.

How do I protect myself and others?

- **Vaccination is required to be up to date as per the recommendations of the PPH**

The best way to protect yourself and others is to prevent the transmission of the virus, by:

- Washing your hands
- Coughing or sneezing into your elbow or tissue. Staying home when you are sick (even if you have mild symptoms)
- Distancing yourself from others 6 ft or 2m
- Wear a non-medical (cloth) face mask when physical distancing is not possible over a prolonged period like, grocery stores, pharmacies, public transit, childcare centers (medical masks only and safety glasses or face shields) especially in areas of higher community-based transmission.

Public Health tools to reduce transmission are:

- Social distancing (population-level)
- Infection prevention and control (hand hygiene, respiratory etiquette, staying home when sick)
- 6 ft social distancing

Case Management and Contact Tracing

- Symptom onset, Incubation period: Up to 14 days
- Source of the pathogen
- Contacts who could have been exposed
- Infectious period: 48hrs before symptoms to isolation

Key Messages to Date

- Measures like physical distancing, isolating cases and quarantining contacts are effective.
- Positive results that we have seen are due to the efforts of residents.

DAILY ACTIVE SCREENING COVID-19 ENHANCED HEALTH AND SAFETY PROTOCOLS

Daily Active Screening means that any person arriving at Eden Daycare Inc. will be checked daily to make sure that they are not ill and are symptom-free.

It also means that the parents/guardians of children in childcare must also screen themselves and their family members prior to bringing their children to childcare daily.

Policy

Every person arriving at Eden Daycare Inc. must be actively screened outside or by phone PRIOR to entering.

The screening information must be documented on the appropriate COVID-19 Active Screening Forms :

- Staff
- Children & Parents/Guardians (Households)
- Essential Visitors and Vendors

Volunteers, students and non-essential visitors are not permitted to enter Eden Daycare Inc. during the pandemic. As of September 01, 2020, students completing post-secondary educational placements will be allowed. Students will follow all the procedures that staff need to follow.

Procedures

The procedures for screening will be described for:

- Staff
- Children and Parents/Guardians (Households)

- Essential Visitors and Vendors

Eden Daycare Inc. Active Screening Forms will be used.

Parent/Guardian COVID-19 Screening Agreement

Eden Daycare Inc. will not be able to store or accept strollers to be left onsite during the day.

Parents will need to provide with individual sunscreens, with no nut oils and labelled with your child's name.

Eden Daycare Inc. will request that parents/ guardians confirm their understanding of, and consent for, all screening requirements, using the Parent/Guardian COVID-19 Screening Agreement.

The agreement includes:

- Agreement to accurately respond to all screening questions, including the reporting of temperatures daily for all persons entering the Centre.
- Agreement to exclude child(ren) from childcare immediately upon observing any signs or symptoms of illness in any family member.
- Consent to provide copies of child(ren)'s COVID-19 test results to Eden Daycare Inc., if required.

Filling out the Screening Forms

- Eden Daycare Inc. requires that all individuals, including staff, children, parents/guardians, students and visitors/vendors be screened each day before entering the childcare setting.
- Screening includes daily temperature checks of anyone entering the childcare Centre (staff/children/visitors/students).
- Parents/guardians will consent to all screening requirements in the Parent/Guardian COVID-19 Screening Agreement.

Confidentiality of Personal Health Information

- Staff are required to protect all personal health information collected for the COVID-19 screenings and/or information regarding a positive COVID-19 test result. Parent and child privacy are paramount; therefore, staff are encouraged to treat families in a respectful manner which protects the privacy of their family.
- COVID-19 screening results **must only** be shared with Peel Public Health, if requested
- All screening documents completed must be stored in a secure area (i.e. locked office and filing cabinet). Privacy is everyone's responsibility.

Parent's Drop-Off & Pick-Up Procedures

- Parents/guardians will have designated days to enter the centre .

The days are as follows :

Infants : Monday/Tuesday; Toddlers : Tuesday/Wednesday; Preschool : Monday/Tuesday; Intermediate : Wednesday/Thursday and Kindergarten : Thursday/Friday

The following **MUST** be observed and followed while inside the centre.

- A maximum of two bodies (2 adults or a child and an adult)
- No strollers or car seats to be left in the centre
- All families will be screened and temperatures taken upon arrival
- Conversations at the door should be brief respecting the need for the staff to be supervising the children in the classroom and other families who are waiting for drop off
- Parents who come in to drop off their children should sign their children in and out in the attendance sheet by the main door

This is the **ONLY** entrance to Eden Daycare Inc. Please **DO NOT** use the church's entrance door to enter the building.

- Eden Daycare Inc. will continue to provide childcare services from 7:00 am to 6:00 pm.
- **You can do telephone screening starting 7:00 am through phone.**
- The parent who is dropping off the child/children **MUST** wear a mask and wash his/her hands using the sanitizer provided at the screening station.
- If your child's temperature is 37.8 degrees Celsius or greater, and you have answered YES to any of the questions from the screening form, your child will be denied entry into the daycare. You will be asked to take your child home, observe your child's symptoms, and seek medical care if needed. **DO NOT** permit your child who is ill, or if any household members are ill, to attend the childcare centre. Any child with one of the symptoms from the screening questions is advised to stay home for 24 hours (48 hours for gastrointestinal related issues) till the symptoms improve.

Executive Director/Designate and Child Care Staff

- Executive Director/Designate will complete COVID-19 Active Screening Form for Staff at home, documenting temperature check and screening responses in writing to ensure they are well enough to report to work. Another staff will verify information once at the centre.
- Executive Director/Designate will ensure active screening is conducted for all staff for every staffing shift.

- Staff will be required to disclose their vaccination status for COVID-19. This information will remain confidential and will only be used for better managing staffing components, placements and the safety of all involved.
- Non vaccinated staff will continue testing twice in a week e.g. on Monday morning and Wednesday afternoon or Thursday morning.
- Any staff who arrive at the centre and answer YES to ANY of the screening questions will not be permitted to enter the centre and must return home immediately.
- Staff must follow Ministry of Health guidelines on isolation in case of illness.

Parents/Guardians & Children (Household)

- In the event that a parent does not want a Covid test, child would have to be excluded from child care for 5 days from the start of symptoms.
- Staff or children with a pre-existing medical condition that corresponds to a COVID-19 symptom (e.g. asthmatic cough, rash) should have this documented in their file. If physician's note is provided, it must indicate that the child does not have a communicable disease.
- Parents/guardians are required to check for COVID-19 symptoms for all members of their home (household) and take the temperature of their child(ren) attending childcare PRIOR to arriving at the centre.
- Parents/guardians will follow all active screening instructions provided by the centre to ensure that responses to all screening questions are recorded daily for their household on the COVID-19 Active Screening Form for Households.
- If the parent/guardian answers NO to ALL the screening questions for every member of the household, then child(ren) will be escorted into the centre by staff unless being dropped off by the parent.
- Staff must refuse entry if any member of the household answers YES to ANY of the active screening questions.
- Executive Director/Designate will provide parent/guardian with contact information for Peel Public Health for information on symptoms, getting tested and self-isolation.
 - If tested negativetwice on two Rapid Antigen Tests 24-48 hours apart, , and symptom free for 24 hours, the individual can return to childcare.
 - If tested positive, Peel Public Health will provide direction on when the child can return to childcare.
- Children exposed to a confirmed case of COVID-19 or symptomatic person(s), should be excluded from the childcare setting for 5 days.

Essential Visitors and Vendors

- No volunteers are permitted to enter Eden Daycare Inc..Eden Daycare will review and reassess placements of volunteers in Fall 2022.
As of September 01, 2020, students completing post-secondary educational placements will be allowed.
All visitors, volunteers and students will follow all the procedures that staff need to follow.
- Permitted essential visitors may include professionals delivering supports for children with special needs, Ministry staff and other public officials such as fire marshal, public health inspectors, etc.
- Any essential visitor or third-party vendor (such as caterers or cleaning services) MUST complete the daily active screening process PRIOR to entering using the COVID-19 Active Screening Form for Essential Visitors and Vendors.
- Centres are responsible for maintaining daily attendance records of any essential visitor or vendor entering the centre and the approximate length of their stay.
- Records (e.g. name, contact information, time of arrival/departure, screening completion/result, etc.) must be kept up-to-date, and available on the premises for contact tracing in the event of a confirmed COVID-19 case or outbreak.

What if the parent/guardian or essential visitor has not self-screened temperature PRIOR to arrival?

- The family and/or essential visitor who has not self-screened temperature prior to arrival will complete this step at the centre. Temperatures will be taken at the centre.
- Screening staff will maintain a minimum 2-meter distance AND wear personal protective equipment (PPE) (surgical/procedural mask and eye protection).

Refusing Entry to Ill Individuals

- Where a child or adult is obviously ill with ANY symptoms described on the active screening form, staff must refuse entry into the centre.
- **Staff, parents/guardians, children and essential visitors must not attend the centre if sick, even if symptoms resemble a mild cold. Rapid Antigen Test must be taken.**
- Staff must refuse entry to any person who answers YES to ANY of the active screening questions. This includes not allowing a child into the centre whose family/ household members are currently ill, even if the child has no symptoms.

COVID Screening Log Sheet

Eden Daycare Inc. screening sheets will be used for screening all children, parents, staff and essential visitors. Parent agreement form is available as Appendix 1.1.

GENERAL SANITARY PRECAUTIONS & PHYSICAL DISTANCING MEASURES

Eden Daycare Inc. will have written policies and procedures outlining our health and safety protocols.

Eden Daycare Inc. will train staff and share with parents the policies and procedures regarding health and safety protocols to COVID-19.

Policy

Eden Daycare Inc. will be thoroughly cleaned prior to re-opening their operations.

Eden Daycare Inc. will maintain routine infection prevention and control practices and adhere to additional sanitary precautions and physical distancing measures in all aspects of care to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

Procedures

Eden Daycare will follow the Operational Guide provided by the Ministry of Education when in place, along with its own policies and procedures.

- Hand Washing
- Gloves, Masks and Eye Protection
- Cleaning and Disinfecting
- Toys and Equipment
- Equipment Used for Nap/Sleep Time
- Meal Times
- Interactions with Infants/Toddlers
- Additional Infection Control Practices

Hand Washing

Staff will practice and promote frequent, proper hand hygiene.

- Staff will supervise hand washing and assist children.
- Hand washing using soap and water is recommended over alcohol-based hand rub for children.
- Staff will ensure hand washing supplies are well stocked at sinks and in washrooms
- Hand sanitizer (containing at least 70% alcohol) will be available when hand washing is not possible:
 - Hand sanitizer will only be used on children over the age of two and under staff supervision.
 - Staff will ensure that the product has completely evaporated from the child's hands.

Gloves, Masks and Eye Protection

Types of masks :

Medical Masks : Non fitted N95 Respirator

Surgical/Procedure Masks : often blue coloured mask, commonly seen in doctor and dentist clinics, required in child care, single-use

Staff are not permitted to use cloth masks.

- Gloves are not required to be worn by staff or children all the time except in certain situations.
- Staff will wear N95, surgical/procedural masks and eye protection (face shield, goggles or wrap around Safety glasses) **at all times**, specifically when:
 - Conducting active screening at screening station
 - Cleaning and disinfecting blood or bodily fluids spills if risk of splashing (gloves should also be worn)
 - Caring for a sick child (gloves should also be worn)
- Masks and eye protection must be worn correctly as directed by public health at all times when in the centre
- Staff are allowed to drink in the classrooms but are encouraged to eat in the lounge during designated break time and lunches
- Medical masks must be replaced and disposed appropriately after they get soiled i.e. if they become wet after sneezing or otherwise and after every use. Medical masks must not be reused once they have been taken off.

Masks and Gloves

- Additional circumstances when masks are mandatory include but not limited to:
 - Staff who become ill until they leave centre
 - Children who become ill, until their parent/guardian arrives (except for children under age of 2)
 - When staff cannot maintain physical distancing of 2 metres or greater.
 - Providing direct care (e.g. Diapering, feeding, handwashing)
 - Holding or carrying a child
- Hand hygiene must be performed before putting on and after taking off a mask or gloves.

Public Health Ontario resources are available to demonstrate proper use of masks and gloves at <https://www.peelregion.ca/coronavirus/prevention/#masks>

Cleaning and Disinfecting

- Frequently touched surfaces will be cleaned and disinfected at least twice a day as they are most likely to become contaminated.
- The centre will set a schedule and develop a cleaning and disinfecting log to track and demonstrate cleaning.
- Disinfecting solutions made with household bleach as advised by the Peel Public Health will be used.

Toys and Equipment

- Mouthed toys will be cleaned and disinfected immediately after the child is finished using it.
- If sensory materials (e.g., playdough, water, sand, etc.) are offered, they will be provided for single use (i.e. available to the child for the day) and on an individual basis.

Equipment Used for Nap/Sleep Time

- As always, children will have an individual cot or crib assigned to them;
- Staff will distance cots and cribs or place children head to toe if the space is limited.
- Cots and cribs will be cleaned and disinfected after each use i.e. daily.
- Sheets and blankets will be cleaned weekly or more frequently as needed, individually labelled and not shared.
- Families can bring their own blankets but they must be laundered prior to use at centre. Items must be laundered weekly or more frequently as needed.
- No big pillows and blankets will be allowed for children's naptime. Pillows and blankets should be kept contained in your child's cubby and cot.

Meal Times

- No self-serve or sharing of food at meal times will be practiced
- Utensils will be used to serve food
- Meals will be served in individual portions to children by staff
- Children will not engage in any food preparing activities
- Staff will ensure proper hand hygiene is practiced when staff are preparing food and for all individuals before and after eating.

For their own protection, only staff who are fully vaccinated **and** boosted may remove their masks to eat and role model with the children. Eden Daycare will strive to physically distance children while eating.

Interactions with Infants/Toddlers

- Staff will continue to supervise and hold bottles for infants not yet able to hold their own bottle to reduce the risk of choking.
- Staff will avoid getting close to faces of all children, where possible.
- If using cribs, these should be placed using physical distancing to increase space between them.

Additional Infection Control Practices

- Low-touch surfaces will be cleaned and disinfected daily (i.e. window ledges, doorknobs, sides of furnishings, toilet seats, faucets, water fountain etc.).
- Garbage will be kept in waterproof containers lined with plastic bags and will be disposed daily. Blood-soiled items will be discarded in sealed bags.
- Washrooms will be cleaned and disinfected at least twice daily.
- Carpets will be vacuumed daily.
- Bottles and pacifiers must be individually labelled and stored separately.
- For creams and lotions during diapering, staff will use appropriate hygiene practices.
- Children should provide own sunscreen and should not be shared. Staff will help to apply it, exercising proper hand hygiene.
- Personal belongings (e.g., backpack, clothing, etc.) should be minimized, but if brought should be labeled and kept in child's cubby/designated area. Backpacks will be received on Mondays and will be returned on Fridays along with blankets and pillows to be laundered and sanitized.

Physical Distancing Measures

Eden Daycare Inc. will maintain physical distancing of at least 2 meters (6 feet) or more between staff, parents or children.

Ways to Support Physical Distancing:

- Stagger arrival, departure and activity transition times
- Spread children out into different areas, particularly at meal, nap and dressing times
- Incorporate more individual activities
- Use visual cues and barriers to promote physical distancing
- When possible, move activities outdoors

Staffing Considerations

- Staff will separate work clothes for laundering as they could potentially be a source of contamination.

- Any pre-planned meetings/group events and in-person meetings will be rescheduled or cancelled. Centre will encourage virtual meetings where possible.
- Visual cues such as tape on floor to enhance physical distancing will be used.
- Shifts, breaks and lunches will be arranged to follow physical distancing practices.

OUTBREAK MANAGEMENT FOR COVID-19 RELATED SYMPTOMS

Eden Daycare Inc. will have written policies and procedures for managing illness in the centre, including the measures required for outbreak management for COVID-19. It will include requirements for documenting and reporting illness.

Policy

Staff will ensure that all children are monitored while in care for emerging signs or symptoms of any illness, including COVID-19. Children or staff who become ill while at the centre must return home as soon as possible. When illness is identified, the centre's illness management policies must be initiated, including following all measures related to outbreak management for COVID-19.

Procedures

Eden Daycare Inc. will follow the following procedures.

- Health Checks for Children in Care
- Managing Child/Staff Displaying COVID-19 Symptoms
- Reporting Illness
- Managing Confirmed COVID-19 Illness in Child/Staff
- Closure of the Child Care Centre
- Occupational Health and Safety for Staff

Health Checks for Children in Care

- All children will be monitored while in care for emerging signs or symptoms of any illness, including COVID-19.
- Staff will take a temperature and document the health check on the child's Illness Tracking Form if any symptoms are observed.
 - Fever (temperature $\geq 37.8^{\circ}\text{C}$)
 - New or worsening cough
 - Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
 - Lethargy (lack of energy) or difficulty feeding (if an infant and no other diagnosis)
 - Sore throat
 - Difficulty swallowing
 - Pink eye (conjunctivitis)
 - Chills
 - Rash
 - Croup (respiratory infection resulting in barking cough and difficulty breathing)
 - Headaches
 - Unexplained fatigue/malaise/ muscle aches
 - Abdominal pain
 - Diarrhea
 - Nausea/vomiting
 - Loss of sense of taste or smell
 - Nasal congestion or runny nose without other known cause

Children Who Display COVID-19 Related Symptoms During Care

If symptoms related to COVID-19 are observed in a child, the child must be immediately excluded from the childcare centre and sent home along with siblings.

Staff will:

- separate ill child from other children and staff at minimum 2meter distance under the supervision of one staff person
- supervising staff to wear mask (and other PPE if 2meter distance not maintained)
- practice proper hand hygiene and respiratory etiquette
- contact parent/guardian to immediately pick up child (and siblings if applicable)
- document symptoms on illness tracking form
- disinfect all areas contacted by ill child when departs centre
- notify Peel Public Health to report illness and seek advice
- Ill child will be excluded from childcare
- Executive Director/Designate will provide parent/guardian with contact information for Peel Public Health for information on symptoms, getting tested and self-isolation.

- If tested negative on two Rapid Antigen Tests , 24-48 hours apart, and free of symptoms for 24 hours, the child may return to childcare .
- If parents do not want to test, isolation for 5 days is mandatory.

Staff Who Display COVID-19 Related Symptoms

- Any staff person who arrives to work with symptoms related to COVID-19 will be sent home and not return to work.
- Any staff person who becomes ill while at work must isolate (for 5 days after being sent home), wear a mask and leave the centre as quickly as possible.
- COVID-19 testing is required for ill staff before returning to work.
 - If staff person tests negative on two Rapid Antigen Tests , 24-48 hours apart, for COVID-19, and is free of symptoms for 24 hours, she may return to work
 - If staff person tests positive, Peel Public Health will provide direction on when s/he can return to work.

Reporting Child or Staff Illness

Peel Public Health

- Report 30% and above absenteeism due to COVID-19 or any other contagious illness identified as reportable by Peel Public Health and seek advice on information to be shared with staff and parents/guardians of children enrolled at centre.
- If childcare centre is located in a shared setting (e.g. in a church), follow Peel Public Health's advice on notifying others using the space of suspected illness.

Ministry of Education

- Follow regular Serious Occurrence (SO) reporting requirements, Notify CCQA and Licensing Branch Regional Manager if directed as per the current guideline

Region of Peel Early Years and Child Care Services Division

- Notify Service Manager that SO filed with the Ministry of Education
- Executive Director/Designate to inform parents of the outbreak electronically, and/or by phone and by posting the sign at the entrance.

Managing Illness causing the outbreak

If staff were notified that a child or staff had a reportable , contagious illness, the centre :

- Will continue to exclude individual from the centre (including any siblings depending on the illness) until further notice.
- Will work with Peel Public Health to discuss the situation and necessary measures taken to control the outbreak.
- Will provide Peel Public Health with the most current Illness Tracking Form.
- Will notify cleaning staff, if needed to increase cleaning and disinfection practices following all policy requirements for sanitation and infection prevention and control practices.
- Will consult with Peel Public Health to prepare and provide fact sheets and letters to parents/guardians and staff about the situation and response measures taken by the childcare centre.

Closure of Child Care Centre

The decision to close the childcare centre will depend on several factors and will be determined on a case-by-case basis in consultation with Peel Public Health.

Occupational Health and Safety for Staff

- Every childcare operator has a Duty of Due Diligence to manage hazards in the workplace – Section 25 Occupational Health and Safety Act (OHSA)
- Every precaution reasonable to the circumstances will be taken for the protection of the staff.
- Hazards in the workplace will be identified, risks mitigated with controls, and staff will be properly trained.

Public Services Health and Safety Association Standards:

– Precautions when working as a childcare provider

- If a staff reports a serious illness and is determined to be work-related, the OHSA and regulations will be followed.
- Executive Director/Designate will provide written notice within four days of being advised that the staff person has an occupational illness/infection,
 - Joint health and safety committee (or health and safety representative); and
 - Ministry of Labor

Summary of Public Health Protocols

Engineering Controls: remove / block the hazard at the source

- Physical distancing
- physical barriers
- enhanced environmental cleaning / disinfection

Administrative Controls: optimizing movement to minimize potential contact with the hazard •

- Temperature and symptom screening
- illness identification
- staggering staff breaks/lunches
- restricting non-essential visitors

Personal Hygiene Controls: individual actions or behaviors that might reduce hazard exposure

- Hand hygiene
- respiratory etiquette
- wearing a mask when physical distancing not possible (to protect others)
- staying home when sick

Personal Protective Equipment: "last line of defense" when other controls are not available

To be used as outlined by Peel Public Health in policies

REVISION CONTROL

DATE	REVISION	EFFECTIVE
11/04/2022	Reopening of Ontario March 2022 : COVID-19 Policy Revised	12/04/2022

I, the undersigned acknowledge that I have read the COVID-19 Policy of Eden Daycare Inc.. I understand and agree to adhere to the COVID-19 Policy.

PARENT/EMPLOYEE NAME: _____

PARENT/EMPLOYEE SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN COVID-19 SCREENING AGREEMENT FOR CHILD CARE

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 the child care setting.

Children should not attend child care if any member of their household is ill with COVID-19 symptoms.

To manage the risk of spreading illness within the child care setting, Peel Public Health has provided direction on cleaning/sanitation protocols and personal health care practices including frequent hand washing. Eden Daycare Inc. also requires daily active screening of all individuals arriving at the child care setting.

ALL CHILDREN must be screened **DAILY**. Parents/guardians are required to report any symptoms in household members and to take the temperature of children attending child care prior to arriving at the child care setting (if temperature checks are not a part of on-site screening). Parents/guardians will report the information to staff provider during the active screening process or during the self-assessment for children attending school. In addition to daily screening, all children will be monitored throughout the day for emerging signs or symptoms of illness.

Your COVID-19 screening results, including contact information, collected by the child care setting during the screening process, may be provided to Peel Public Health, to help manage and reduce the risk of spreading the COVID-19 virus in the child care setting.

As a Parent/Guardian, you can prevent the spread of illness by keeping your child(ren) home from the program if your child does not pass screening. **Any siblings (or any other children living in the same household) must also not attend school or child care and stay home.** If you, household members or your child(ren) experience signs or symptoms (not related to other known causes or conditions) your child must not attend child care.

If your child(ren) experiences **any** new or worsening signs or symptoms of any illness while at the child care setting, the 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 your designate to arrive, they will be separated from the other children.

A COVID-19 RAT test is recommended for any family member experiencing symptoms before the family can return to child care. The child(ren) and all household members including any siblings attending the child care setting should also self-isolate while waiting for the test results.

- Children who have tested negative for COVID-19 or have an alternate diagnosis from their health care provider AND whose symptoms have been improving for at least 24 hours can return to the child care setting after passing the daily screening process.
- Children who have tested positive for COVID-19 will follow the direction from Peel Public Health on when they can return to the child care setting.
- Children who did not get tested must be excluded from child care for 5 days from the start of their symptoms unless a health care provider has specifically not recommended COVID-19 testing.
- Children who had close contact with a person with COVID-19 must self-isolate for 10 days from their last close contact with the person or as directed by Peel Public Health.
- To care for a child's well-being and provide emotional support, the child and one caregiver can isolate together. For tips, please visit: [self isolation - Region of Peel \(peelregion.ca\)](https://www.peelregion.ca/health-services/health-care/self-isolation/).

If your child is unable to wear a mask for any reason, please inform the child care staff. Reasonable exceptions are permitted including those who have trouble breathing.

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 daily. Misrepresentation on any screening questions, including masking fevers with medication, may 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 the child care setting;
- I agree to exclude **all** of my children from child care **immediately** upon observing **any** of the above signs or symptoms of illness in any family member until medically deemed able to return to care or if any of my children do not pass screening;
- In the event of illness, I agree to verbally report to the child care centre any test results (positive or negative for COVID-19) and/or clearance by Peel Public Health prior to returning my child(ren) to child care; and

Parent/Guardian Name and Signature:

Date:

COVID-19 / Illness Screening
Notice with Respect to the Collection, Use and Disclosure of Personal Health Information

The information pertaining to your COVID-19 Screening is being collected, used and disclosed under the authority of the *Health Protection and Promotion Act R.S.O. 1990 c.H.7* and will be retained, used, disclosed and disposed of in accordance with all applicable municipal, federal and provincial laws and regulations governing the collection, use, disclosure and disposal of information including the *Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act R.S.O. 1990 c.M.56* and the *Personal Health Information Protection Act 2004 S.O. 2004 c.3*.

This information will be used by Peel Public Health to investigate the occurrence of COVID-19 in the Region of Peel, provide case management, follow-up with close contacts to assess the risk to others, program planning and evaluation. If you test positive for COVID-19, your result may be disclosed to your child care provider to reduce the risk of spreading the virus in a child care setting. Any questions, regarding this collection, use or disclosure may be directed to the Medical Officer of Health, Peel Public Health, 7120 Hurontario Street, P.O. Box 669 RPO Streetsville, Mississauga, Ontario, L5M 2C2, 905-791-7800.