



MHDC Parent/Guardian COVID-19 Policy Acknowledgment and Agreement

Under Provincial direction, childcare centres may operate following strict health and safety protocols to prevent the spread of COVID-19 and to ensure the safety of childcare staff, children, and their families.

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.

CHILD WHO ARE ILL SHOULD NOT ATTEND THE CENTRE

CHILDREN SHOULD NOT ATTEND THE CENTRE IF ANY OF THE MEMBERS IN THEIR HOUSEHOLD IS ILL / HAVE COVID-19 SYMPTOMS

Health and Illness Protocol for COVID-19

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

ALL PARENTS/GUARDIANS/ STAFF/STUDENTS must screen children/household with the screening tool provided by MHDC prior to arriving to the centre.

MHDC will require a verbal notification confirming that screening was completed at home prior to arrival at the centre.

A visual health check and Temperature checks of all child (ren) entering the centre as well as all Parent/Guardians/that accompany the child will be taken and documented daily at the screening area.

A visual health check and Temperature checks of all Staff/Students/will be taken and documented daily at the screening area.

In addition to daily active 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 centre during the screening process, may be provided to York Region Public Health, The Ministry of Education to help manage and reduce the risk of spreading the COVID-19 virus in the child care centre.

As a Parent/Guardian, you can prevent the spread of illness by keeping your child(ren) home from the program if you or your child(ren) experience **ANY** of the following signs or symptoms:

- A temperature at or above 37.8 degrees Celsius (100 degrees Fahrenheit)
- New or worsening cough or shortness of breath
- Lethargy (lack of energy) or difficulty feeding (if an infant and no other diagnosis)
- **Any** of the following symptoms:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Sore throat○ Difficulty swallowing○ Pink eye (conjunctivitis)○ Chills○ Rash (in children)○ *Croup (in children)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Headaches○ Unexplained fatigue/malaise/muscle aches○ Abdominal pain	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Diarrhea○ Nausea/vomiting○ Decrease or loss of sense of taste or smell○ Runny nose without other known cause○ Nasal congestion without other known cause
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*Respiratory infection resulting in barking cough and difficulty breathing

If your child(ren) experiences any of the signs or symptoms listed above while at the childcare centre, the Supervisor will contact you or your emergency contact to pick up your child(ren) immediately. While your child(ren) waits for you or your designate to arrive, s/he will be separated from the other children.

Any family member experiencing symptoms should be tested for COVID-19 before the family can return to childcare.

The Supervisor will provide the parent/guardian with contact information for York Region Public Health. Children with symptoms must be excluded from childcare and self-isolate for 14 days after the onset of symptoms (unless tested negative). This exclusion will also apply to children exposed to a confirmed case of COVID-19 or to symptomatic person(s).

To protect the health of all individuals at the childcare centre, staff will support the arrival and pick up routine for families.

Pick-up and drop-off of child(ren) will occur outside the centre (unless otherwise required/arranged and approved by the Supervisor upon consultation with head office) at a pre-set /arranged time.

Parent/Guardians are NOT permitted into the centre at this time.

Upon arrival, once a child(ren) has completed active screening and been deemed able to enter the centre, staff will escort the child(ren) to the appropriate program room.

Parents must set a pickup time with the Supervisor ahead of time. In the event of an isolated change in pick up time, the parent must call/email the Supervisor in advance.

ALL PARENTS/GUARDIANS ARE REQUIRED TO COMPLETE THE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FORM SUBMIT TO THE CENTRE SUPERVISOR PRIOR TO THE FIRST DAY OF CARE.



MHDC ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND AGREEMENT OF COVID- 19 REQUIREMENTS, POLICIES, SCREENING

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

- I have received, read, understood, and agree to follow the Macklin House Daycare Centre COVID-19 Enhanced Health and Safety Protocols
- I understand the risk of illness associated with placing my child(ren) in childcare services; I agree to all screening requirements and to accurately respond to all screening questions,
- including the reporting of temperatures daily 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 childcare 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 childcare centre.
- I agree to exclude all my children from childcare immediately upon observing any of the above signs or symptoms of illness in any family member until medically deemed able to return to care; and
- I understand that all children in grades 4 and above are required to wear a non-medical or cloth mask while inside the child care centre, that children in grades 1-3 may be required to wear a non-medical or cloth mask, and that kindergarten children are strongly recommended to wear a non-medical or cloth mask while inside the child care centre. Parents/guardians are responsible for providing their children with masks.
- I consent to providing copies of any of my child(ren)'s COVID-19 test results to childcare centre.
- My child will be dropped of (am) at _____am/picked up (pm) _____pm
By _____Name of Parent/Guardian

Designated Parent/Guardian Phone Number () _____

Designated Parent/Guardian Email Address () _____@_____._____

CHILD'S NAME	LAST	FIRST
PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME (PRINT)		
PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE		
DATE (YY/MM/DD)		
SUPERVISOR SIGNATURE		
RECEIVED DATE (YY/MM/DD)		

COVID-19 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.5* and the *Personal Health Information Protection Act 2004 S.O. 2004 c.3*.

This information will be used by York Region Public Health to investigate the occurrence of COVID-19 in the Region of York, 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, 17250 Yonge Street, Box 147. Newmarket, ON L3Y 6Z1