

COVID Policy – Private Parents

You currently have a private childcare arrangement with a Provider that operates a home affiliated with a licensed childcare agency (Wee Watch). Under the Child Care and Early Years Act (CCEYA), the Ministry of Education considers the premises or home where my Provider operates as a “licensed premises” and as such must operate in accordance with all Ministry regulations outlined in the act that specifically pertain to private arrangements within a Licensed home, in addition to Wee Watch policies and procedures.

In conjunction with Public Health Ontario, the Ministry of Education has made regulatory changes to the CCEYA that our Providers must comply with to remain open and operational until further notice. We can provide you our full COVID policy at your request. The pertinent information for you to be aware of and agree to is listed below:

Children who are ill, cannot attend the childcare home. Agencies have been advised by Public Health to refuse entry for any child or person demonstrating the following signs of illness:

- a temperature of 37.8C (100 degrees Fahrenheit) or greater
- new or worsening cough, shortness of breath
- Sore throat, difficulty swallowing, runny nose, or congestion (not related to seasonal allergies)
- Gastrointestinal symptoms (nausea, vomiting, diarrhea)
- Headache, pink eye

Each Day:

- There are screening questions at the entry of your Provider’s home about symptoms and potential exposure, please review them daily, if you answer **YES** to any of the questions, your **child cannot** attend care
- You are asked to take your temperature and your child’s temperature daily at home and let the Provider know each day, she has a regulatory requirement to ask for and track this information. The Provider will record it on a daily log. If you have not taken temperatures at home, the Provider is required to ask you to take temperatures at the care home before your child enters.
- Parents are asked to wait outside at a safe physical distance if there is another parent at the home during drop-off or pick-up. There is no more than 1 parent allowed at the entry at a time.
- Children must have their own sunscreen as it cannot be shared with other children. Please provide sunscreen for your child and label the bottle with the child’s name (if required).

If your child experiences any signs and symptoms listed above while in care, the Provider will contact you to pick the child up immediately. Your child will be separated from the other children in care until you arrive. Children with symptoms may be excluded from care for 14 days after the onset of symptoms, at the direction of local Public Health. This exclusion will also apply to children that are exposed to a presumed or confirmed case of COVID-19.

I, _____ (print name), agree to the following;

- I have read and understood the information above
- I agree to all screening requirements and to report accurate temperatures daily for all person’s screened
- I will not administer any medication to my child that may mask the symptoms of the illness (such as Tylenol or Advil) prior to dropping my child off for care

Parent Signature	Date
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