

COVID-19 SAFETY PLAN CEFA NEW WESTMINSTER-UPTOWN

Through health authorities' information and communication, we understand that the virus that causes COVID-19 spreads in several ways, including through droplets when a person coughs or sneezes, or from touching a contaminated surface before touching the face.

Although our school never closed and have continued to offer services to families with priority to front-line workers, as well, implemented adjustments to our physical settings and school protocols, as the Province is moving to Phase 3 of businesses reopening, here is a reminder and additional information regarding our school protocols surrounding Covid-19.

The following protocols and practices have already been in place since returning from Spring Break:

- ✓ Temporary closure of school kitchen and food program (Re-opened June 1st, 2020)
- ✓ Reduced hours to align with current families' needs and staffing compliment
- ✓ Adjusted program schedule to allow for extended outdoor time
- ✓ Restricted parent and public access into the school, including suspension of open houses and tours
- ✓ When a student is returning following a temporary withdrawal, staff should confirm with family if they have been overseas and/or been ill in the past 14 days prior before allowing entry; parents must also consent to temperature check of child if deemed necessary
- ✓ Drop-off and pick-up at the school exterior door(s) where staff members will welcome your child and escort him/her to their respective classrooms. Same procedure for Pick up.
- ✓ Parents are not permitted in classrooms unless permitted by Admin and in this case a mask is required upon entry in the classroom.
- ✓ No personal items left behind; no overnight storage in the student cubby nor stroller storage room (all items must be brought in with the student each day and taken home)
- ✓ Students to arrive with packed snacks, lunch, milk and water bottle each day; all containers returned to lunch bag and returned home with student on a daily basis. There will be no use of school's microwave nor classroom fridge so thermos and ice packs are recommended.
- Students and staff should be sent home immediately at the first sign of any cold-like or flu-like symptoms.
- ✓ Staff room maximum capacity at any given time restricted to 4 people
- ✓ Access to supply of gloves for diaper-changing
- ✓ Increase in frequency of cleaning of hard surfaces, sanitization of toys and equipment, etc.
- ✓ Regular hand-washing for students and staff

Summary

To help ensure our children's safety and minimize the traffic through our schools, we ask that all parents and guardians who are dropping of a child to remain at the designated entrance and **do not enter our hallways, classrooms or washrooms**. Our staff will greet you at the designated entrance and have you sign in/out there, as well, provide assistance for your child between our entrance and the appropriate classroom.

We also want to notify parents/guardians that children will be required to have their temperature checked upon arrival as well as confirmation from the parent/guardian that no one in the household has returned from international travel in the past 10 days. Any signs of a mild fever, runny nose or exposure to family members who have travelled will be ask not to attend the facility and return home.



Per the CDC guidelines for child care operators, children or staff may return to the center once they are assessed by their family physician or nurse practitioner and it is determined that they do NOT have COVID-19, and their symptoms have resolved. These measures will help ensure the safety of all the children, families and staff in our facility.

Student Backpacks / CEFA Drawstring Bags

We ask all families to send their child with a backpack/CEFA drawstring bag whereby we can place all jackets, pants and other clothing into the sealable bag to reduce the potential contamination from one child to another. Our center will not be using the cubbies at this time other than for storage of backpacks.

Social Distancing

Please be advised with Fraser Health Licensing's approval, we have the flexibility to distance the children's cots, play pens and cribs in Cefababy and JK1 nap rooms by having only up to 8 children with 2 teachers in the nap room and having up to 4 children with 1 teacher on the carpet area within the classroom.

During meal and activities times at the tables, the children will be further distanced as well.

Curriculum

We will be adjusting our daily schedule as required to offer additional outdoor time. In addition, co-curriculars may not be implemented by the usual designated co-curricular teacher and instead from one of your child's classroom teacher. This will minimize the unnecessary need for teachers to cross-over into other classrooms; reducing the traffic throughout the school.

Outdoor Activities

Please ensure your child has appropriate outdoor clothing as we expect to increase our use of the outdoor open-aired play area. Fresh air and open spaces will help us work to keep our children and families safe.

Resource Links:

https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/health/about-bc-s-health-care-system/office-of-the-provincial-health-officer/covid-19/covid-19_child_care_guidance_-_2020_may_15_-final.pdf

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/health/about-bc-s-health-care-system/office-of-the-provincial-health-officer/covid-19/covid-19-pho-guidance-childcare.pdf>

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/family-and-social-supports/child-care/covid-19/emailcertificateextensionchildcarepartnermay07.pdf>

http://www.bccdc.ca/Health-Info-Site/Documents/CleaningDisinfecting_PublicSettings.pdf



<https://www.worksafebc.com/en/about-us/covid-19-updates/health-and-safety/what-workers-should-do>

Should you have any questions regarding any of the above, please do not hesitate to contact your Principal or Director.

Stay safe!

CEFA New Westminster-Uptown Administration

