

## Health and Safety Guidelines

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Parkgate Society has adopted the following BC Guidelines for Health and Safety for all our Families programs during the COVID-19 pandemic.

A daily health screening will be performed for all staff and children upon arrival to the Centre.

The screening will consist of:

- Daily screening questionnaire

Exclusion Criteria for children and staff:

- People returning from any international travel (incl. USA)
- Sick people waiting for a test or test result for COVID-19
- People with COVID-19
- People who are in close contact with someone who is isolating due to COVID-19 or COVID-19 restrictions
- People who have not travelled, but who have flu-like symptoms (fever, chills, cough, shortness of breath, sore throat and painful swallowing, stuffy nose, loss of sense of smell, headache, aches or severe tiredness)

Participants or staff may return to the Centre once symptoms have resolved fully. Fever, diarrhea and vomiting require the child, you or staff to additionally be symptom free, without fever reducing medication, for 48 hours following the last symptom.

The routine cleaning schedule will be enhanced and high touch surfaces and objects will be cleaned regularly throughout the day. The mandatory bleach/water solution used for sanitizing will be mixed daily to ensure its disinfecting qualities. Parkgate Society is also using 'quat' cleaners as approved by our public health authority. Hand sanitizers are readily available and repeated handwashing will be encouraged.

Masks are not recommended for children, and are optional for staff and parents.

If a participant or facilitator falls ill during our drop-ins, they must leave the premises or outdoor group as quickly as possible.

Environmental cleaning will be performed upon the departure of a sick child, parent or staff.

To accommodate smaller group sizes in our drop-ins, the number of participants will be limited and registration to a playgroup is introduced.

Children will be assisted in their physical distancing efforts by keeping smaller groups, offering enhanced outdoor time and outdoor programming and mini environment set-up indoors with visual cues. (E.g., the craft table is set up with only two chairs at the table.)

Other visual cues may be tape or mats on the floor to indicate personal space. Educational activities that promote learning about physical distancing may be offered.

Toys that cannot be cleaned and sanitized will not be used, such as dress-up clothes, soft toys or blankets for sharing. Playdough or similar non-washable items and crafts will only be offered for individual use and will not be shared.

Group food preparation and food sharing activities are eliminated. Parkgate Society will no longer provide any food preparation or snack. Parents are to pack their children's snacks prepared and ready to eat, including utensils, to reduce staff-handling of food items. To ensure physical distancing not all families may be able to have snack at the same time.

Participants will be signed-in at the beginning of a drop-in program by a facilitator. Parents are requested to keep physical distance at the entrance and a staggered entry time may be organized. During drop-in only signed in participants and Parkgate Society staff are permitted in the Family Resource Room.

Parkgate Society is ensuring that all our drop-ins, no matter if indoors or outdoors, have access to hand sanitizers, masks, cleaning supplies and garbage bags.

As per guidelines of Vancouver Coastal Health (VCH) and our local Public Health Authority (PHA) we will share personal information for the purposes of contact tracing as required.