

## **Covid-19 Health & Safety : Parkgate Youth Services**

As per BC Guidelines a daily health screening upon arrival is set up for staff and Youth.

The screening will consist of:

- Daily screening questionnaire
- A visual health check

Youth workers will exercise best judgement, as per example, youth who are or maybe experiencing

- Symptoms due to intoxication from alcohol or various substances ie. coughing from smoking, vaping, and/or marijuana, or sleepiness/drowsiness
- Symptoms of other pre-existing medical issues

Exclusion Criteria for Youth 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, cough, tiredness, aches or severe tiredness)

Youth or staff can return once symptoms have resolved fully or after 10 days (whichever is the longest). Youth or staff can re-enter Youth Services programs earlier only with a **physician's clearance letter**, which confirms that the youth and/or staff is not contagious and is able to participate in all program activities, including outdoor programming. Fever, diarrhea and vomiting require youth or staff to additionally be symptom free without fever reducing medication for 48 hours following the last symptom.

## **Program Guidelines**

The Youth Services team will set up the room and activities. The Youth Centre and other programs are closed meaning spots have been confirmed with a staff prior to entry. The goal is to ensure a healthy and safe environment for both staff and participants. The Youth Services team will post signage and regulations to the public to maintain notice of the controlled environment as well as practicing hand washing routines and cleaning and sanitizing procedures in place. In Youth Centre markers have already been measured and determined in outdoor programming staff will need to create a safety plan prior to the entry of any participant(s).

Maximum capacity for the Youth Centre is 13. Not including the one capacity that has been assigned the Youth Centre office with the door closed. During programs the plan is to have no more than 10 youth and 3 staff.

Hand washing will be mandatory upon entry and encouraged throughout the program. Hand sanitizer along with disinfecting wipes will be available at each station. High touch surfaces/equipment will be disinfected after each use by a staff (ie. video games controllers, sports equipments, board games, and washrooms)

The routine cleaning schedule is enhanced and high touch surfaces and objects are cleaned ongoing throughout the day. The mandatory bleach/water solution (1/9 part strength) is used for sanitizing and mixed daily.

Masks will be mandatory for youth and staff during drop-in times, those who may already have their own can wear them to drop-in, masks will be available for youth who forget or require a fresh mask.

If a Youth Worker falls ill during their work, they will leave the premises as quickly as possible. Environmental cleaning will be performed upon the departure of a sick youth or staff. A youth who becomes ill will be isolated from the program with a staff member who will immediately contact parent/guardian to discuss pick-up. In both cases the participant or staff that has fallen ill will be advised to contact the 8-1-1 line for further information on next steps.

Any youth and/or staff who tests positive for COVID-19 and has attended a Youth Services program is asked to immediately contact Parkgate Youth Services staff, Natasha Rivard-Morton or Dale Cheyne, by email or telephone. Parkgate Youth Services staff will work in conjunction with Vancouver Coastal Health contact tracing team to ensure other participants and staff who may have been in contact with a positive COVID-19 test subject are notified.

All seating and activity stations have been measured to follow 2 meter protocol from each seat as well as the floor has been marked to ensure proper chair space/ratio is identified. The last two seats (seen on map) are only to be used at the end of youth check-in therefore last to be seated.

Youth programs will only allow a maximum of 10 youth per drop-in. To ensure proper physical distance between drop-in participants including the rotation between various activity stations. As youth change activities each station will be sanitized, that includes all surfaces and equipment used.

Youth can only enter through the West Wing door, upon entry all youth must complete a Parkgate Society QR Code/COVID 19 Questionnaire along with a visual health screening. Once completed the youth enter one at a time to allow for spaced hand washing. Youth are seated in designated activity areas.

All soft surfaces and multi use equipment have been eliminated from programs.

Drop-ins will be staffed with 3 Youth Workers who are stationed in the Youth Centre. The Floater: Stationed at counter

- Supports check-in
- Cleans bathrooms in between handwashing/bathroom use
- Provides support and cleans station
- Hands out prepackaged snacks using gloves and tongs

Activity Station #2 Staff

- Supports youth hand washing designation
- Supports and cleans station

Activity Station #3

- Supports youth seating designation
- Supports and cleans station

Other visual cues may be tape and markers on the ground to indicate personal space. Activities that are able to be performed while physical distancing are offered during the drop-in times.

Items as well as activities that cannot keep physical distance as well as be cleaned and sanitized will be eliminated. Examples include shared equipment, crafts, games as well as games/sports that require close contact. Other non-washable items and arts, crafts, video game controllers and other games supplies will only be offered for individual use and will not be shared.

Youth are asked to wash hands upon departure and are to exit through the rear entrance facing the skate park.

Group food preparation and food sharing activities are eliminated. Parkgate Youth Services will offer all youth who are signed up for the drop-in time with one individual food and drink item during the drop-in time. All food and beverages that will be given will be individually wrapped and portion per youth as well as prepared and distributed with proper sanitation and distancing guidelines ie. wearing gloves and mask, as well as maintaining distance during handout. Youth will be asked to not share any food or drink during the drop-in times.

All youth are requested to pre-register for the drop-ins, and space will be first come first serve. Youth must register through contacting the Youth Worker leading the drop-in/program. This is done by sending a direct message to the Youth Workers on Instagram and/or by phone with the numbers listed below. Once youth have confirmed their spot, they will send a participation consent form to be signed by a guardian and will be asked a list of COVID-19 Health Questions at least 24 hours before the drop-in takes place, as well as on entry. These questionnaires/QR codes are divided into four categories for effective record of attendance/contact tracing: Preteen Drop-Ins, Teen Drop-In, 1 to 1 Support, and Special Event/Camps.

#### Youth Services Contacts:

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#### COVID-19 Checklist

- No services provided if yes to any of these conditions (must be completed 24hrs prior to any in-person interaction with youth)
- Facilitators/Youth Workers will exercise judgement on youth participating in programs
- Youth who exhibit symptoms such as runny nose or flushed cheeks/temperature will be asked to not participate in the program/one-to-one

#### Immediate Exclusion Criteria for youth and staff:

- People returning from any international travel (incl. USA) in the last 14 days
- 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, cough, tiredness, aches or severe tiredness)

To enter the Youth Centre space, youth will have to have completed the COVID-19 Questionnaire. Youth are asked to keep physical distance at the entrance and wear a mask during the program. Youth will also only be able to enter if their parent/guardian waiver form has been signed and received. This completed waivers will be kept and locked in the Youth Centre office space as they include personal and emergency contact information.

For staff-parent communication or any further questions about Youth Services Health and Safety precautions please email Youth Services Manager [dcheyne@parkgatesociety.ca](mailto:dcheyne@parkgatesociety.ca).