

COVID-19 - HOME – BREAKING DOWN THE DAY – Revised April 4th, 2022

Drop off:

- Each home provider will greet the parents at the door.
- The provider is not required to wear a mask unless they wish to do so.
- If parents are arriving at the same time, they will be asked to take turns and to wait 2 metres back until their turn.
- Parents will only be allowed in the homes if the provider feels comfortable.
- Parents/Guardians will be asked if their child(ren) have passed the screening using the Covid-19 Screening tool. <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/school-screening/> A visual health check will be done before children start interacting and documented on the Home Child Care Weekly Journal.
- If the child does not pass the screening they must stay at home and parents must follow the monitoring and isolation advice outline in the screening tool and the Covid-19: Integrated Testing & Case, Contact and Outbreak Management Interim Guidance: Omicron Surge.
- Once the children are in the home the provider will help or have the children wash their hands before they begin to play and encourage handwashing throughout the day.
- It is recommended that children's items should be brought in labelled backpacks including sleep toys and blankets from home.
- Sleep toys and blankets from home are to go home each night and be laundered once per week or more if needed.
- Keep each child's belongings away from each other.
- Parents will be asked to ensure children have at least one full change of clothes.

Playtime:

- Less toys set out - easy to clean – toys must be cleaned at the end of each day – see Additional Cleaning Duties checklist.
- Providers will sign the Additional Cleaning Duties checklist to ensure that the cleaning is done.
- Incorporate more individual activities or activities that allow space between children.
- No books for now. Providers may read a story.
- Limit the number of crayons and markers set out. Individual sensory items.

Outdoor Time:

- No community playgrounds can be used.
- Sunscreen – parents will provide sunscreen labelled and the provider will wash her hand between applying each child.
- School age children can apply their own with supervision.

Snack, Lunch, & Dinner Time:

- Space if able between children. Serve food in individual portions to children. No share of utensils.
- Children's food from home - disinfect containers before going in the fridge.
- No sharing of food, soothers, bottles, sippy cups, facecloths etc.

Rest Time:

- Space cots 2 metres apart and children will lay down head to toe with other children.
- Cots are to be wash daily.
- Bedding laundered weekly or when needed.

Pick Up:

- Pick up time will be like the drop off. Parents will be met at the door and the children will be brought out to the parents.
- If parents are arriving at the same time to pick up, they will be asked to wait 2 metres back until it is their turn.

Important:

- If a child or provider displays any signs or symptoms throughout the day, the **Plan for Sick Children, Staff or Parent with Possible COVID-19 or Exposure to COVID-19** will be implemented.
- When receiving a phone or email message about an absent child, the reason for the absence must be obtained, including symptoms if applicable, and the information documented in the HCC communication book/daily record.