



Rainbow Express Daycare

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Recent updates from the Provincial Health Officer and CDC indicate that the management of COVID-19 in the community is now more aligned with the management of other respiratory infections.

We will continue to follow CDC guidelines for childcare settings

http://www.bccdc.ca/Health-Info-Site/Documents/COVID_public_guidance/Guidance_Child_Care.pdf and for exposure/isolation guidelines

<http://www.bccdc.ca/health-info/diseases-conditions/covid-19/if-you-have-covid-19>

SYMPTOMS

Staff, children, or other persons in the child care setting who are exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19 should stay home until they are well enough to participate in activities. According to newly released testing guidelines, many staff and children will not be eligible for COVID-19 testing. The When to Get Tested for COVID-19 resource or the B.C. SelfAssessment Tool provides more information on whether you should get a test for COVID-19. Staff, children, or other persons in the child care setting who test positive for COVID-19 should follow the guidance on the BCCDC website as to how long they should self-isolate. They can return to child care when they no longer need to self-isolate.

Daily health checks will continue please monitor for symptoms of COVID-19 and stay home if you feel unwell or develop symptoms.

IF a child is experiences symptoms while at RED:

- The child's parent/guardian/emergency contacts will be called to pick up the child immediately. **Please note** – It is important to ensure that contact information is up to date, and there is always someone available to pick up your child as soon as possible when called as we do not have additional staff available to supervise children isolating for long periods of time.
- The child will be moved to an isolated area of the centre and supervised by a staff member.
- The classroom, and any other spaces exposed will be cleaned and sanitized by any available staff members as soon as possible.

IF a staff member experiences symptoms while at RED:

- The staff member will separate themselves in area away from others
- The staff member will wear a mask



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- The staff member will leave the centre as soon as it is safe to do so
- The classroom, and any other spaces exposed will be cleaned and sanitized by any available staff members as soon as possible.

COVID EXPOSURE

If a staff member or a child becomes positive for COVID and was at the daycare within the 48 hours prior to their symptoms - **Please inform the teachers and RED board immediately.** We will send out an email to inform families (with anonymity):

" This notice is to inform you that a person in our child care in the [program] has tested positive for COVID-19. They last attended child care on [date] and began showing symptoms on [date]. You should monitor your child for symptoms of COVID-19. If your child is not experiencing symptoms of COVID-19, your child can continue to attend child care, unless advised by public health to stay home."

Following the exposure notification staff and children are welcome to attend daycare until they develop symptoms or feel unwell.

Here is the current guidance on close contacts and contact tracing:

<http://www.bccdc.ca/health-info/diseases-conditions/covid-19/self-isolation/close-contacts>

OPERATION LIMITATIONS & FUNCTIONAL CLOSURES:

Dr. Henry announced last week that businesses should prepare a contingency plan as there could be up to 1/3 of the workforce away at any time due to COVID-19 exposure or isolation requirements. This is especially challenging in our field as our operation is dependent on maintaining licensing required supervision ratios of 1 educator to 8 children.

Operation Limitations:

In a situation where there are not enough staff available to operate within our licensing required ratios, we may need to limit the daily operations for a time. Depending on the situation, number of staff available, and direction from Island Health, we may need to consider:

- Closing the daycare completely
- Reducing the number of children attending (we would put a call out to those who are able to keep their children home to please do so, then it would be a on a first come, first served basis)
- We could consider a schedule to split the attendance into part time shifts



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Which scenario will unfortunately be situation dependent. We will reach out to parents immediately with the chosen plan depending on Island Health guidance and/or available resources.

INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL

Please follow travel guidelines for testing and isolation as per:

<https://travel.gc.ca/travel-covid/travel-restrictions/covid-vaccinated-travellers-entering-canada#children>

Currently, unvaccinated children must not attend daycare or school for 14 days if they've traveled outside of Canada.