

Richard Secord Out of School Care Society

Changes to COVID-19 Policies

Based on the easing of restrictions in the province, the Board of Directors has decided to review and adjust some of our centre's policies to bring them more in line with Alberta's current public health measures.

The following changes will become effective starting March 21, 2022.

1. Daily Health Screening
 - a. Parents will continue to be expected to screen their children at home daily for symptoms prior to attending the program based on the COVID-19 Alberta Health Daily Checklist (For Children Under 18) and staff will be expected to screen themselves prior to reporting to work based on the COVID-19 Alberta Daily Checklist (For Adults 18 Years and Older).
 - b. The link to the checklists is provided below.
<https://open.alberta.ca/dataset/56c020ed-1782-4c6c-bfdd-5af36754471f/resource/58957831-a4ab-45ff-9a8e-3c6af7c1622e/download/covid-19-information-alberta-health-daily-checklist-2021-08.pdf>
 - c. Parents and staff will no longer be required to complete the RSOSC online Daily Health Screening Questionnaire as confirmation that they have screening themselves or their child/ren prior to entering the program each day.
2. Daily Temperature Checks
 - a. Children and staff will be continuing to have their temperature checked using an infrared thermometer upon arrival to the program in the morning and when arriving after school. Anyone with a temperature reading exceeding 38 degrees will be required to go home and isolate according to the current isolation requirements outlined on the Alberta Isolation Requirements website.
<https://www.alberta.ca/isolation.aspx> .
3. Face Masks for Adults
 - a. Staff, parents, and visitors will be encouraged to wear face masks while at the centre. However, they will not be mandatory. The centre will respect each individual person's decision whether they choose to wear a face mask.
4. Non-essential Items
 - a. Child should continue to be keep their unnecessary personal items at home. (e.g. stuffies, toys, blankets and electronics). However, the centre will provide a few special occasions or activities (e.g. show & share or stuffy day for PJ day) where children will be allowed to bring in one item from home which will only be used by that specific child and will not be shared with others.
5. Parents & Visitors
 - a. Parents & guardians will be provided with the opportunity to come inside the building to visit and may request access by booking an appointment. Parents or guardians will also be provided with admittance into the room in the event of an emergency.
 - b. Non-essential visitors who are coming to provide a special educational experience or activity for the children, such as an onsite field trip, presentation, performance or educational sessions will now be permitted and will be required to screen for symptoms prior to entering.

Note: The policy changes outlined above may be modified or changes as Alberta Health Guidelines change and will remain in place until further notice.