



Guidelines/additional public health measures for HSCA
Childcare:Daycare

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| <p>Overview/ Safety</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The daycare operates with five cohorts/classrooms that usually combine at the beginning and end of day or as needed by the program. We have 2 separate entrances to support spacing of cohorts entering/exiting the program • Masking is recommended but optional for all educators and management while indoors • HSCA Childcare programming places focus on fit and filter of a mask, rather than a specific type • Staff members, parents/guardians and children must not attend the program if they are sick, even if symptoms resemble a mild cold. • Temperature checks and symptom screening may take place throughout the day as educators see fit for both children and staff • In the event of a program closure due to illness, outbreak, or emergencies, fees will not be provided • Classrooms will open exterior doors throughout the day to circulate and clear interior air, improving air quality • HSCA Childcare Programs conduct an Active Consent for illnesses that guardians fill out upon registration. Parent's/Guardian's must assess their child for symptoms prior to the child entering the building • If illness/outbreak occurs, more distinct cohorts will be followed |
| <p>Illness</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If a child develops symptoms of being ill while at the program, the parent/guardian will be called to pick up immediately. If possible, the child will also be asked to wear a mask (those over 2) • AHS recommends masking to protect others and limit the spread of illnesses but is optional • Management will contact families of specific classrooms who are in outbreak status • Children may be sent home due to general illnesses include but not limited to vomiting, fever (greater than 38F/100C), diarrhea, new or unexplained rash or cough, pink eye, continuous runny nose/cough, exposure or presence of contagious illness such as whooping cough, strep throat, or chicken pox, or simply that the child does not feel well and requires greater care and attention than can be provided without compromising the care of the other children. – children will need to stay home, 24 hours from time removed from program • Respiratory illness – stay home until all symptoms have improved, feeling well enough to resume normal activities, and be fever-free for 24 hours without using fever-reducing medications |



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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gastrointestinal Illnesses (GI) – children will need to stay home until 48 hours after all symptoms have resolved (AHS guidelines here) • Rash – Stay home 24hours, the length of time recommended by AHS/physician. |
| <p>Drop Off/ Pick Up</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mask use for picking up/drop off is strongly recommended but optional. This is to allow safe communication between the educator and parent/guardian as needed • Parents/guardians are encouraged to pick up/drop off their child/ren in their classrooms to allow regular communication with your child’s teachers • The back gate (Sunshine/Rainbow entrance) will be closed at 5:30 sharp. Any pick-ups after this time are considered late. • Late pick-ups (pick-ups after 5:30pm) will be at the main entrance. A late pick-up reminder/form will be discussed at this time, please refer to parents’ handbook for more information |
| <p>Food/Snack Services</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There will be no common food items • Educators will serve the food to the children • Food schedule: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00am – 9:00am – Morning snack 11:30am – 12:30pm – lunch 2:30pm – 3:30pm – Afternoon snack *please note that we have a MORNING SNACK and <u>not breakfast</u> available for your child. • If you cannot bring your child in during these times or at the tail end of these times, please note that we cannot save food for you. If you come at the tail end of these times, we cannot guarantee that food will be leftover. If you are running late, we cannot keep food out as per AHS’ guidelines |
| <p>Program Planning</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Routines will remain as consistent as possible • Please work with us to build your child’s routine, this is will help them settle into program and build confidence • Children are discouraged from bringing in non-essential personal items to the program (except for comfort items/nap blankets, when necessary, show and share on outlined days) • Outdoor activities and nature walks continue to be a priority in planning |

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| Cleaning | <p>Enhanced protocols respect to cleaning and disinfecting throughout the day as the health and safety of the children is our number one priority.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Any item that has been placed in or near a child's mouth will be immediately put into a designated bucket to be cleaned and disinfected• Bleach solution to 1000ppm (4 tsps. of bleach to 1L of water) will be used to clean all toys, surfaces, and objects in the space• Cleaning and disinfecting of toys will be done either by the three-sink method or using a commercial dishwasher• All bedding remains in the program. Educators are responsible for washing items weekly as per Health and Safety Standards• Cleaning charts are posted in the bathroom, class rooms and kitchen.• Classes will be required to wash hands before entering spaces of the program <p>Staff and children are frequently reminded throughout the day to follow proper hand hygiene and respiratory etiquette (ex: wash hands frequently, sneeze/cough into their elbow, put used tissues in the garbage can and wash hands immediately, etc.). Approved Alberta Health signage and developmentally appropriate visual cues are posted around the program as reminders.</p> |
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