

On April 8, 2022 the Provincial Health Officer issued a statement on transitioning from Covid-19 Safety Plan to Communicable Disease Prevention. A communicable disease is an illness caused by an infectious agent or toxic product that can be transmitted from one person to another. Examples of Communicable Diseases that may circulate in the workplace include are Covid-19, norovirus and seasonal influenza.

Communicable disease prevention focuses on basic risk reduction principles to reduce the risk of Covid- 19 and other communicable diseases.

The Health & Safety of our participants and staff is our number one priority. BGC South Vancouver Island (BGCSVI) created guidelines for staff and members to use to ensure the health and safety of all. Please note these practices may change depending on the direction and guidance of the Provincial Health officer.

Prior Program-Participant/Family Responsibilities

- Parents and guardians must assess their child daily for symptoms of common cold, influenza, COVID-19, and or any other infectious respiratory disease before sending them to Club.
- Stay home until symptom free.
- When feeling well enough to return to normal activity but still have minor symptoms, we require children to wear a mask if they choose to return to program.
- All personal items must be labelled to avoid accidental sharing.
- Masks are optional in our indoor and outdoor play settings.

Drop off-Facility Specific

Parents/guardians are asked to wear a mask if they are not feeling well when entering club for drop off

Participants will immediately wash their hands before coming into the club room or spaces and put their personal belongings into their marked cubby designated space.

Note: If participant appears sick during drop off, parents will be asked to take their child home and may return when symptom free.

Snack/Meal Time

- Children will have a designated meal spot while eating
- Children are not allowed to share food.
- Encouraged to send reusable water bottles.

Handwashing

- Everyone is required at a minimum to wash their hands when entering the facility, before and after eating, before going and after coming back inside from activity, after using the washroom, after coughing or sneezing, when hands are visibly dirty and before going home at end of day.
- Staff will also carry hand sanitizer to be used where areas of hand washing are unavailable, and provided under staff supervision. Please advise staff if you don't want your child to use hand sanitizer.

Cleaning Protocols

- Each facility will have 1:9 bleach and water solutions and will only be used at the end of each day.
- Each facility will have a "how to" disinfect toys daily instructions, which staff must follow and sign off on.
- Soap and water will be used throughout the day as to not cause any irritation to the staff or participants.
- A cleaning schedule is followed at each Club for toys
- High touch surfaces will be cleaned at daily. These include: door knobs, light switches, faucet handles, table counters, chairs and high use toys.
- Garbage will be emptied daily.
- Staff will use disposable gloves when cleaning blood or bodily fluids such as vomit. Staff will wash hands prior and after using gloves.

Agency Vehicles- Out trips

- Staff and participants will wash hands prior and after using agency transportation, either with hand soap or hand sanitizer
- Seats will get cleaned at the end of each day and/or as needed

Behaviour Management

- In relation to our Positive Behaviour Support Protocols Philosophy:
 - If your child is deliberately invading staff or participants personal space, we will follow our Normative Development Conflict 3-step resolutions as stated above. Depending on the severity of the behaviour we may go from step 1 to step 3. In relation, depending on severity of the child's behaviour, our management has the right to refuse service.

Sick Child Procedure

- If a participant is feeling ill during program staff will call parent/guardian to come pick up their child immediately. Please note staff will assess each situation, as some sickness may be related to anxieties/allergies/or other non-related COVID-19 illness.
- While the participant is waiting to be picked up they will be moved into a designated sick room/space to ensure social distancing and health and safety of all.
- While the participant is waiting they will be directly supervised by a staff member and be provided with a quiet and clean resting area.
- Staff will wear a Protective Face Shield when administering First Aid. The Face Shield will be disinfected prior and after each use.
- Designated sick area will be disinfected after child is picked up or at end of day.
- Additionally, our regular health and wellness policy stands: It is the staff's obligation to contact a parent/guardian if they determine a participant is sick.
- Children with any underlying health concerns must be cleared by your General Practitioner before attending program.

Program Closures- Due to Staff Shortage/Sickness

- We may need to cancel our program with short notice due to insufficient staffing due to staff being not well enough to work. You will be refunded if this should need to happen. Please ensure you have a Plan B for care for these unforeseen circumstances,
- Any other closures will be directed by the Medical Health Officer (MHO), which a refund will be granted.