

**A SUMMARY of updates to the [The Public Health Guidance for Child Care Settings](#) including relevant information found in**

**CITY HALL CHILD CARE SOCIETY'S COVID -19 GUIDELINES and PROTOCOLS.**

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<p align="center"><b>UPDATED INFORMATION ON THE EPIDEMIOLOGY OF COVID -19 IN B.C.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Covid-19 is mainly spread by droplets released when people infected with the virus breathes, coughs, sneezes or talks.</li> <li>• Covid-19 can also spread when a person touches a surface of object with the virus on it and when touching their own eyes, nose or mouth, although this is less likely.</li> <li>• Variants spread the same way as the original COVID -19, which means established prevention measures continue to protect against it.</li> <li>• While the Delta variant appears to spread more easily, current evidence shows it presents the greatest risk to unvaccinated adults.</li> <li>• Currently, it does not appear that the Delta variant results in a greater risk of serious outcomes for children, they continue to be at low risk for serious outcomes for COVID-19, including variants of concern detected in B.C.</li> </ul>	<p align="center"><b>CHCCS RELATED INFORMATION</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• City Hall Child Care Society's <a href="#">CHCCS Cleaning &amp; Disinfecting Protocol</a> provides guidance and specific instructions to employees regarding all cleaning and disinfecting throughout the daycare. Our current guidelines meet or exceed all expectations outlined in the <a href="#">THE PUBLIC HEALTH GUIDANCE FOR CHILDCARE SETTINGS</a></li> <li>• Each Program has an effective process to ensure cleaning is thorough and completed as required.</li> <li>• Cleaning and Disinfecting is completed by child care staff and our Janitorial Service (ECO CLEAN) after hours.</li> <li>• CHCCS asks parents to please wear mask as you make your way from the parking lot. As an added safety measure try to avoid being in the stairway with others. Consider using alternate ways to make your way to the daycare.</li> </ul>
<p align="center"><b>UPDATED INFORMATION ABOUT THE IMPACT OF COVID-19 VACCINES ON TRANSMISSION</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The most important measure to prevent COVID-19 transmission in child care settings is to ensure that anyone eligible is fully vaccinated.</li> <li>• Vaccinations protect against serious complications and reduce the risk of spread of COVID-19.</li> <li>• It is important to get all vaccine doses in the vaccine series to get the most effective protection against serious cases of COVID -19 and provide longer lasting protection.</li> <li>• People who are not vaccinated are at higher risk of getting and spreading COVID-19. Most COVID-19 cases, hospitalization, and deaths are among unvaccinated adults, and are predominantly occurring in communities where a lower proportion of the population is vaccinated.</li> <li>• In communities with highly immunized populations, exposures are unlikely to lead to further transmission.</li> <li>• COVID-19 vaccines are part of B.C.'s immunization program. Licensed child care operators are required to have a record of the vaccinations employees receive, including COVID-19 vaccines.</li> </ul>	<p align="center"><b>CHCCS RELATED INFORMATION</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• City Hall Child Care Society requires all children and employees to be fully immunized as per the BC immunization program.</li> <li>• CHCCS retains a record of immunizations for each individual.</li> <li>• CHCCS has a <a href="#">Drop Off &amp; Pick Up Protocol</a> to ensure safety and physical distancing during these busy times.</li> <li>• Prior to arriving at daycare Staff &amp; Parents are required to complete a <a href="#">Daily Health Check</a> prior to arriving at the daycare each day and to follow direction from 811 or as stated in <a href="#">CHCCS's Health, Safety &amp; Wellness Handbook</a></li> </ul>
<p align="center"><b>CHANGES TO GUIDANCE ABOUT USE OF NON-MEDICAL MASKS &amp; FACE COVERINGS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Personal protective equipment (including masks) can provide an additional layer of protection to the infection prevention and exposure control. Masks provide some protection to the wearer and to those around them. The term "mask" refers to non-medical mask or face covering.</li> <li>• All adults (including staff, practicum students, volunteers and visitors) should wear a non-medical mask at all times while indoors.</li> </ul>	<p align="center"><b>CHCCS RELATED INFORMATION</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To ensure staff health and safety CHCCS provides personal waist packs containing essential supplies for each staff to wear during work hours. These packs include: extra masks, personal hand sanitizer, pens, tissues and latex gloves.</li> <li>• Since reopening June 2020 CHCCS has provided 3 layer masks to employees</li> <li>• As of Nov 2021 CHCCS provides non-medical masks for employees.</li> <li>• As of Friday, Jan 7 all individuals entering CHCCS will be required to wear non-medical masks.</li> </ul>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Younger children attending child care programs in non-family child care settings may wear a non-medical mask based on personal or family choice.</li><li>• Children under 2 years of age should not wear masks as it may make it difficult for them to breath and may become a choking hazard.</li><li>• Child care staff should supervise and support children to ensure safe and proper use of masks are worn.</li><li>• Child care providers are encouraged to support mask use by children through positive and inclusive approaches, and non-punitive or enforcement activities that exclude students from fully participating in activities or that could result in stigma.</li><li>• Child Care providers are also encouraged to ensure there are opportunities throughout the day for children to remove their masks.</li><li>• Face shields should not be worn in place of masks.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• As advised in the updated <b>Public Health Guidance for Child Care Settings</b>; O3 Program are invited to provide masks for their children each day.</li><li>• Child Care Staff will provide age appropriate guidance, education and support regarding mask wearing and COVID – 19 safety practices, including <a href="#">COVID-19 Hand Washing Protocols</a></li><li>• CHCCS asks parents to please wear mask as you make your way from the parking lot. As an added safety measure try to avoid being in the stairway with others. Consider using alternate ways to make your way to the daycare.</li><li>• Parents of children in the Over 3 Program are invited to supply face masks for their child.</li></ul>
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