**cOVID-19 SICK POLICY**

**NOTE: The provider has the right to update/change this policy with little to no notice as new information becomes available.**

Persons who have a fever of 100.40 (38.00C) or above or other signs of illness should not be admitted to daycare. I encourage parents to be on the alert for signs of illness in their children and to keep them home when they are sick. We all need to work together and be very honest about sicknesses, signs of illness, contact with potential Covid-19 cases.

I, and\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

understand that signing this Covid-19 plan means we (I) agree to all the terms listed below and that we (I) verify that we (I) will follow through listed procedures to ensure safe environment at Little Sunflower Kids Family Home Daycare.

THIS IS A ZERO ILLNESS POLICY, THAT MEANS CHILDREN WITH ANY KIND OF SYMPTOMS ARE NOT ALLOWED TO ENTER MY DAYCARE. If they start to show symptoms while at daycare parents or verified guardians need to pick up child immediately.

**Your child's temperature will be taken before they enter the daycare. (By family at home or in car)**

**I will make a visual inspection of the child for signs of illness which could include flushed cheeks, rapid breathing or difficulty breathing (without recent physical activity), fatigue, or extreme fussiness.**

Parent Drop-Off and Pick-Up

* Parent/guardian will stay outside of my home and I will greet child from outside to minimize contact with parents as much as possible.
* Parents are also asked to not come up to my door while another family is still in the pick-up process.

Clean and Disinfect

* I will [routinely clean, sanitize, and disinfect](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prepare/disinfecting-building-facility.html) surfaces and objects that are frequently touched, especially toys and games. This may also include cleaning objects/surfaces not ordinarily cleaned daily such as doorknobs, light switches, sink handles, countertops, play pens, toilet training potties, desks, chairs, cubbies.
* Children’s books, like other paper-based materials such as construction paper or envelopes, are not considered a high risk for transmission and do not need additional cleaning or disinfection procedures. I will continue to provide children with books in my program. However, I will disinfect book covers when possible and will limit number of books.
* I will limit number of children’s toys in my playroom to toys I easily can clean. They will be rotated as much as possible. However, I will still offer children sensory play, which is such an important part of early childhood education.
* When playing outside at park, going to library (if applicable) children will use hand sanitize while under constant supervision by myself.

Protocol for Covid-19 infection in daycare

* I will notify parents/guardians if their child begins to show symptoms of COVID-19 while in childcare, including the need for immediate pick up.
* If a person who resides in the home becomes symptomatic and/or tests positive for COVID-19 daycare will have to close until clearance is received from the local public health unit.
* If a child or someone in my home is tested positive for COVID-19 I will notify parents/guardians and Health Unit immediately and follow proper protocols afterwards.
* Environmental cleaning of the space the child was separated from should be conducted once the child has been picked up.
* Children who have been exposed to a confirmed case of COVID-19 should be excluded from the childcare setting for 14 days.
* Symptomatic staff and children should be referred for testing.
* Children with symptoms can’t attend daycare, they can come back as soon as symptom free no matter if family chooses to take a COVID-19 test or not. Child has to be symptom free for 24 hours before returning to daycare (no medication given).
* Those who test negative for COVID-19 must be excluded until 24 hours after symptom resolution.
* Those who test positive for COVID-19 must be excluded from daycare for 14 days after the onset of symptoms and clearance has been received from the local public health unit.
* Children who have been in contact with a suspected COVID-19 case should be monitored for symptoms.

**Symptoms of COVID-19:**
Those who are infected with COVID-19 may have little to no symptoms. You may not know you have symptoms of COVID-19 because they are similar to a cold or flu.

Symptoms may take up to 14 days to appear after exposure to COVID-19. This is the longest known infectious period for this disease.

**Disclaimer:**
While most transmissions occur from people who have symptoms, there is the possibility of asymptomatic transmission.  The provider will do everything she can to protect the children from COVID-19, however there is only so much the provider can do.  Neither the provider nor her family can be held responsible if your child gets or is exposed to COVID-19.

**Anyone who fits the criteria below will not be allowed into the daycare and will need to self-isolate**
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If you or your child(ren) have any symptoms such as:

**Common symptoms**

* fever,
* cough,
* difficulty breathing.

**Less common symptoms**

* unexplained fatigue,
* delirium (a serious medical condition that involves confusion, changes to memory, and odd behaviours),
* falls,
* acute functional decline,
* worsening of chronic conditions,
* nausea,
* vomiting,
* diarrhea,
* abdominal pain,
* chills,
* headaches,
* croup,
* loss of taste/smell
* sore throat,
* runny nose,
* nasal congestion,
* hoarse voice,
* difficulty swallowing
	+ If child has a Dr.’s Note of existing seasonal allergies and family and provider agree seasonal allergies will be child’s current “illness” I will not send your child home with seasonal allergy symptoms.
	**Travel**
* If you or your child(ren) have travelled outside of Ontario in the last 14 days.
* If you or your child(ren) have travelled on a cruise, plane, Via Train, or bus (Grey Hound) in the last 14 days.

**Around Covid-19**

* If you or your child(ren) live with, provided care for or spent extensive time with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19, or suspected to have COVID-19.
* If your child has tested positive or suspected to have COVID-19

 **Fever:**

* 48 hours from the time the fever reducing medication are out of your child system (8 to 10 hours after taking last dose) and fever has not returned
* 48 hours free of any fever reducing medication or any other medication that can mask symptoms of illness.
* If no medication is given: 48 hours starting one (1) hour after you discover your child’s fever has broken

If I find out that you have given your child medication to cover up any symptoms of COVID-19 before sending your child to daycare, the provider holds the right to terminate care immediately.

Parent/Guardian # 1 Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian # 1 Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian # 2 Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian # 2 Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Caregiver Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_