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Updated Screening Protocol

Kids & Us uses a combination of the Ministry of Education Operational Guidance During COVID-19 Outbreak, Child Care Re-Opening Document and Grey Bruce Public Health information to develop safe and recommended practices to navigate COVID-19.

The MEDU document states that **“Advice of the local public health unit must be followed, even in the event that it contradicts this guidance document.”**

The current MEDU Guidance Document outlines screening measures including **“All individuals including children attending child care, staff, students and child care providers, parent/guardians, and visitors must be screened each day before entering the child care setting”**. Kids & Us implemented this protocol upon reopening, however will be shifting towards aligning with the recent Grey Bruce Public Health Unit document dated September 18, 2020 Child Care Screening and Returning to Child Care. Therefore, as parents/guardians do not enter our child care programs they will no longer be screened when dropping off their child. Kids & Us will continue to screen all individuals who enter the child care.

Additionally, Grey Bruce Public Health document states that starting September 18, **“Only the symptomatic child, student or staff is required to self-isolate for 14 days, or until they receive their negative test results and are asymptomatic for 24 hours.”** And **“Asymptomatic children and students in the same household may return to school/childcare and do not require a COVID-19 test”**. Again, in order to align with this local Public Health protocol, the screening questions will be updated to reflect only the individual being screened, and not include other individuals in their household. This update will eliminate needless exclusion of asymptomatic individuals.

Grey Bruce Public Health has been made aware of the intended changes to Kids & Us screening protocols.