



## PARENT/GUARDIAN SCREENING AGREEMENT FOR CHILD CARE SERVICES

Kids & Us Community Childcare and Family Education Centres are resuming child care programs under the direction of the Ministry of Education and Public Health. Changes in K&U policies and procedures reflect these directions to ensure the Health and Safety of our families and our staff.

### What is COVID-19?

COVID-19 is a new strain of coronavirus that has not been previously seen in humans. The virus can cause symptoms like the common cold but can advance, in some cases, to severe respiratory illness or even death. COVID-19 can be spread from person to person, usually after close contact with someone infected with the virus. Physical distancing is recommended as one measure to limit the spread of illness, but is challenging to implement in the child care setting.

### Health and Illness Protocol for COVID-19

To manage the risk of spreading illness within child care centres, Public Health has set out and monitors a comprehensive cleaning and sanitization routine and personal health care practices including frequent hand washing. Public Health also requires daily screening of all individuals entering the child care setting to ensure the safety of the program.

ALL CHILDREN must be screened DAILY UPON ARRIVAL prior to entering the child care centre, which will include temperature checks. In addition to daily screening, all children will be monitored throughout the day for emerging signs and symptoms of illness.

As a Parent/Guardian, you can prevent the spread of illness by keeping your child home from the program if you observe any of the following signs and symptoms:

- A temperature above 38 degrees Celsius (100 degrees Fahrenheit)
- New or worsening cough or shortness of breath
- Runny nose, sore throat or diarrhea
- Vomiting more than twice in the last 24 hours

If your child experiences any of the signs and symptoms listed above while at the child care program, staff will contact you or one of your emergency contacts to pick up your child immediately. While your child waits for you or a designate to arrive, they will be separated from the other children. **Public Health will provide direction and support to families on next steps and the eventual return to child care, based on the most current up to date exclusion guidelines.**

To protect the health of all individuals at the child care centre, staff will support the arrival and pick up routine for families. Upon arrival, once a child has completed active screening and been deemed able to enter the centre, staff will escort the child to the appropriate program room. Parents/caregiver are discouraged from entering the centre. Pick-up and drop-off of child will occur outside the child care setting unless it is determined that there is a need for the parent/caregiver to enter the setting. **If a parent is needed to enter the child care, they must pass active screening.**

As a Parent/Guardian responsible for my child's child care placement, I agree to this screening agreement:

Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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