



GARSDIDE DAY CARE CENTRE INC.

“WHERE LITTLE PEOPLE COUNT”

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Dear Families;

As you may be aware Public Health has changed the guidelines for the protocol for Covid-19. We have met with the City of Hamilton and Public Health and I would like to pass on what changes will be happening. We have been very diligent about keeping illness out of the centre and we appreciate everyone's cooperation and patience. There are a lot of scenarios described below as to what protocols need to be followed and if you need clarification please contact Lisa Peacock, Supervisor

We realize this is going to be a strain at times, but we will work together to keep everyone safe and healthy. There will be times that it is a very minimal symptom and that it will be some other illness. We recommend getting a note from a health professional so the child can return.

This is the following information we have received so far. **We are returning to a Single Symptom Screening.** This means even if the child has one symptom, they will be sent home until it can be resolved.

- We are asking parents to screen their children **before coming to daycare** by going to the Ontario Covid-19 Screening site. We will also use this screening tool to help us decide if your child needs to stay home.
- Please visit the site <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/school-screening/> to help you decide if your child should attend daycare.

New provincial direction that childcare staff/providers and child with new or worsening symptom of COVID -19, must stay home until

- They receive a negative COVID-19 test result
- They receive an alternative diagnosis by a health care professional; or
- It has been 10 days since their symptom onset, and they are feeling better
- **If you test negative (you do not have the virus)**
You can return to school/childcare if **all** the following apply:
 - you do not have a fever (without using medication)
 - it has been at least 24 hours since your symptoms started improving
 - you were not in close physical contact with someone who currently has COVID – 19
- **If you do not get tested**
 - They must self-isolate for 10 days. They may be able to return earlier if **all** the following apply:
 - They do not have a fever (without using medication)
 - It has been at least 24 hours since your symptoms started improving.

- **If you do not talk to a doctor**

- They must isolate for 10 days. After the 10 days, you can return only when **all** the following apply:
- They do not have a fever (without using medication)
- It has been at least 24 hours since your symptoms started improving

- **Does a symptomatic child or staff need to isolate for 10 days even if they receive a negative COVID-19 test result?**

A symptomatic child or staff that has no known contact with a positive case can return to childcare if ALL of the following apply:

- The child/staff tests negative for COVID-19
- They do not have a fever (without using medication)
- It has been at least 24 hours since the symptoms started improving

When can a child or staff that tests positive for COVID-19 return to childcare?

A child or staff that tests positive **MUST** complete the **10-day** isolation period. They can return to childcare after the 10-day isolation period if ALL of the following apply:

- They do not have a fever (without using medication)
- It has been at least 24 hours since the symptoms started improving

When can a symptomatic child or staff that is NOT tested return to childcare?

A child or staff that does not receive a COVID-19 test must isolate for **10 days**. They can return earlier if ALL of the following apply:

- A doctor has diagnosed the child or staff with another illness
- They do not have a fever (without using medication)
- It has been at least 24 hours since the symptoms started improving

- **When can an asymptomatic child or staff that has been a close contact of a positive case return to childcare?**

An asymptomatic child or staff that has a close contact of a COVID-19 positive case **must** self-isolate for **14 days**, even if they receive a negative COVID-19 test result. It is important to remember that a test result might be a false negative since it may have been collected too early during the incubation period.

This means if a child has symptoms any siblings will need to isolate also.

A reminder to fee paying parents that if your child is off due to Covid-19 symptoms then we can claim it through the City of Hamilton to have the fees covered.

Subsidy Families may use their sick/absent/days if needed for Covid-19 symptoms. If you need further days later in the year, you can contact subsidy and request more days.

STAY SAFE, KEEP HEALTHY
BE PATIENT
TOGETHER WE WILL
OVERCOME THIS DIFFICULT TIME

Yours truly
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