### Daily Health Checks

Children should not attend the centre program if they are presenting with symptoms of illness.

Children generally have milder symptoms of COVID-19 than adults. Children may also present symptoms of COVID-19 differently than adults. For example, symptoms in children may be a change in activity level, appetite, or behaviour. For children, it’s important to think about what is usual or unusual about their specific symptoms.

Staff, parents and students are regularly reminded of their responsibilities to complete a Daily Health Check (e.g., the K-12 Health Check app).

Is the child experiencing any of the following?

Top of Form

Fever higher than 38°C  
 Chills  
 Cough  
 Loss of sense of smell or taste  
 Difficulty breathing

*\*\*covid test highly recommended if any above symptoms present.*

Bottom of Form

Top of Form

 Sore throat  
 Loss of appetite  
 Extreme fatigue or tiredness  
 Headache  
 Body aches  
 Nausea or vomiting  
 Diarrhea

*\*\*stay home! You are sick!*

Bottom of Form

When a staff member, student, or other person develops symptoms of illness while at Wonder School, he/she will be asked to go home.

### What if I am a close contact of someone with Covid?

* A close contact is generally someone who has been near a person with COVID-19 for at least 15 minutes when health and safety measures were not in place or were insufficient. This includes up to two days before someone develops symptoms.

If you are a close contact of a person who has COVID-19, you need to:

* Monitor yourself for symptoms for 14 days
* **Self-Isolate for 10 days**: Self-isolation is important to help reduce the spread of COVID-19 to others. Self-isolation is not required if you are fully vaccinated or had COVID-19 infection within the last 90 days. Public health will help you decide which steps to take.

**Hand Hygiene**

We will support the children to wash hands:

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| * When they arrive at Wonder School. * Before and after eating and drinking * Before and after using the toys in the playroom * After using the toilet. * After sneezing or coughing into hands. * Whenever hands are visibly dirty. |

### How to practice diligent hand hygiene:

* Wash hands with plain soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Antibacterial soap is not needed for COVID-19. Temperature does not change the effectiveness of washing hands with plain soap and water, though warm water is preferred for personal comfort.
* If sinks are not available or if the student is not giving assent to wash hands at the sink, we will offer alcohol-based hand sanitizer containing at least 60% alcohol.
* Soap and water are preferred when hands are visibly dirty. If it is not available or if the child is refusing, we will use an alcohol-based hand wipe followed by alcohol-based hand rub.

*It is mandatory that child either wash hands or disinfect hands to participate in learning activities with our team members.*

**MASKS**

All staff, parents and visitors, and children aged **5 years and older** should wear a non-medical mask or face covering (a “mask”) at all times while indoors at school, subject to the following exceptions:

•  If a person is unable to wear a mask because they don’t tolerate it (for health or behavioural reasons\*);

•  If the mask is removed temporarily to engage in an educational activity that cannot be performed while wearing a mask (e.g., high-intensity physical activity, etc.);

•  If a person is eating or drinking;

•  If a person is behind a barrier (e.g., a divider, a cubicle, or in a room by themselves);

•  While providing a service to a person with a disability or diverse ability where visual cues, facial expressions and/or lip reading/movements are important.

*\*\*We will* encourage student mask use through positive and inclusive approaches. No child will be denied services.

### Returning to School After Illness:

When a person can return to Wonder School after being sick depends on the type of illness they had.

* If they had COVID-19 or another communicable disease, they can return according to the guidance provided to them from public health.
* For other illnesses, generally, the person can return when their symptoms have improved and they feel well enough to participate in all activities at school.
* If the student has not had a covid test, they should not attend the centre for at least 10 days since the symptoms first appeared, and not require staff to clean runny noses or diarrhea. There should not be coughing or sneezing more than average once per hour.

If a person is unsure if they are well enough to attend school, they should call 8-1-1 or their health care provider for guidance. Doctor notes are not required.

### Cleaning and Disinfecting

Frequently touched surfaces (those touched by larger numbers of people) are cleaned and disinfected at least 1x/day. This includes door knobs, sink handles, and light switches.

Toys are placed in a “dirty bin” after use and are disinfected with bleach before going back in circulation.

Table tops are cleaned with Lysol after each use.

Practices are in place to clean and disinfect any surfaces a person’s body fluids have contacted after they have displayed symptoms of illness.

### Vaccinations:

Many of you are eager to find out whether those who support you or your family have been vaccinated. We understand and appreciate your concern, but at this time our employee decision to share their vaccination status with families and people served is voluntary.

Within our company, we strongly encourage our team to be vaccinated and as soon as the government makes it mandatory for childcare/teachers to be vaccinated we will implement this requirement as well.