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## Forest Play COVID-19 Guidelines

Forest Play is permitted to operate and provide modified Day Camp programming for children as a part of Alberta's Stage 1 Relaunch. We want to share how we are reducing the risk of transmission of COVID-19 among our staff and participants. The following information was created using recommendations within COVID-19 [Relaunch Guidance for Day Camps](#), [General Workplace Guidance for Business Owners Re-opening or Continuing Operations](#), and [Relaunch Considerations for Businesses](#) in addition to other resources on the Alberta Health Services and Alberta Government COVID Response websites.

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### Distancing Measures

- During circle and mealtime gatherings, staff will assist children in maintaining appropriate 2m physical distancing
- Cohorts will be spaced a minimum of 10m apart throughout the day and most of the day will be much further apart (e.g. 300+ metres).
- We are outside for the entire length of the program and able to distance ourselves from other Forest Play cohort groupings and Quarry Lake Park users. There are no shared surfaces.
- Games including tagging and close physical proximity will not be included in program plans and delivery.
- When staff need to assist children within the 2m distance, they will minimize the amount of time they are in close proximity and wear a mask if necessary and in contact with children for prolonged periods (as per Alberta's [Guidance on Wearing Non-Medical Masks](#)).
- During Drop off and pick up from the program, each cohort will have assigned parent/caregiver meeting places that will be spaced more than 10m apart to minimize large gatherings at these times.
- Parents and families will be asked to only stay as long as is necessary and no longer than 10 minutes to drop off and pick up their child. Staff will keep track of any parent that must stay longer than 10 minutes as per the Day Camp Guidelines.

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### Cleaning

- The portable toilet seat and handle will be disinfected with 1000ppm bleach water sanitizer solution between each use. Participants (and staff, if assisting) will use alcohol-based hand sanitizer before and after toilet use.
  - Handwashing with soap and water will be completed at the beginning of each day. Alcohol-based hand sanitizer will be distributed to participants and staff before and after eating. If staff or participants have visibly dirty hands, they will be cleaned with soap and water, then with hand sanitizer.
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- Tools, such as vegetable peelers for carving, and foam pads for sitting on will remain within designated cohort groupings and will be disinfected with 1000ppm bleach water solution at the end of each day.
  - Staff and participants will be encouraged and reminded to practice proper respiratory etiquette (i.e. coughing or sneezing into elbow, disposing of used tissues in designated garbage bag)

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## Screening for Symptoms

- Staff will notify director promptly if they exhibit COVID-19 symptoms and will not come to work. If staff develop symptoms during the day they will promptly isolate away from the group and leave once appropriate measures have been taken to ensure safety of the other staff and participants.
- Parents have been told to not bring their child or themselves to Forest Play if they have COVID-19 symptoms.
- Staff will actively screen children attending Forest Play for symptoms by asking parents questions using the following questions upon arrival (suggested the Workplace Guidance for Business Owners):

1.	Do you have any of the below symptoms:		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• fever (greater than 38.0C)</li></ul>	YES	NO
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Cough</li></ul>	YES	NO
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Shortness of Breath / Difficulty Breathing</li></ul>	YES	NO
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Sore throat</li></ul>	YES	NO
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Runny Nose</li></ul>	YES	NO
2.	Have you, or anyone in your household travelled outside of Canada in the last 14 days?	YES	NO
3.	Have you, or anyone in your household been in contact in the last 14 days with someone who is being investigated or confirmed to be a case of COVID-19?	YES	NO
4.	Are you currently being investigated as a suspect case of COVID-19?	YES	NO
5.	Have you tested positive for COVID-19 within the last 10 days?	YES	NO

- Daily attendance of participants and staff will be taken.
  - Staff will have a discussion with children about COVID-19 symptoms and will closely monitor children throughout the day for symptoms.
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- If a child develops symptoms while at the program, the child will be isolated away from the group (greater than 10m away) and their parent or guardian will be notified that they must come pick up their child immediately. Staff caring for the child will wear a mask and gloves during interactions with the child.

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## Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

- A supply of PPE will be provided to each cohort for staff use (non-medical masks and gloves) in the event that PPE is required (eg if a participant exhibits symptoms, or if staff needs to stay within 2m distance for a prolonged period to provide necessary care to a participant). PPE will be stored in a sealed bag, separate from other supplies, and only accessed when required.
- Staff will be encouraged to wear and remove masks according to the Guidance of Wearing Non-Medical Face Masks for the General Public
- If used, gloves will be disposed of and non-medical masks will be laundered according to the Guidance of Wearing Non-Medical Face Masks for the General Public.

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## Responsibilities

- Forest Play is aware that any program connected to a confirmed or probable case of COVID-19 will be required to close for a minimum of 72 hours to allow contact tracing, and then adhere to recommendations from Alberta Health.
  - Staff members of all cohorts will be notified by the director as soon as possible in the event of a known exposure.
  - The director will communicate any information regarding program closure as soon as possible to families of participants, with guidance from Alberta Health.
  - If individuals (staff or families) refuse to comply with CMOH Orders, a complaint may be submitted to Peace Officers.
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