

Memo



To: All Parents
From: SFLC Administration
CC: File
Date: 25 May 2020
Re: Re-opening Thoughts

The Minister of Education has announced that all schools in Ontario will be closed for the year. The announcement on the re-opening for in-centre child care has not been forthcoming. Currently, in Ontario the gradual re-opening of child care is expected to begin when the province is ready to transition to Stage 2. Stage 2 will be met based on the public health criteria which includes safety protocols developed by each centre and approved by the local public health authority.

SFLC has the ability to license home child care. Licensed Home Child Care (LHCC) is important because it can allow for smaller and family groupings. LHCC also benefits families for hours of availability, locations for easy access and convenience of pick-up and drop off and is fully open for parent subsidy.

SFLC has developed a loose return to work plan and has been doing research, consulting authorities, and monitoring the situation to determine the best practices with the highest efficacy. We have also been consulting with our staff to get their input and hear their concerns, listen to their ideas, and address these issues.

- Bleach and water effective at proper dilution – batches are good for 24h (oxygenation)
- Air purifiers can be ineffective. Covid-19 is .12 -.125 microns in size.
- Covid-19 transmitted by shoes: a study on spread in a hospital determined this.
- Outside time is the best, limit indoor time – discussion around A/C and open doors

Before returning we are asking staff about:

- What about indoor shoes. These shoes will always remain in the centre and will be called your “clean shoes”. <https://www.healthline.com/health-news/shoes-clothes-and-covid-19#What-about-shoes?>
- Cleaning & disinfecting procedures for entering the building. Everything brought in must be disinfected. To limit contamination, limit articles to the bare necessities.
 - Cell phones, wallet, keys – no large purses or bags
 - Lunch bag or eat the centre’s lunch.
- No outside coffee/food runs will be permitted; exceptions to leaving the site will be discussed
- Starting times will be staggered, we ask that you show up 10 minutes before your shift starts
- time to complete the disinfecting procedure & settle before the next person is due to start.

Please know that your children and families are the number one priority for SFLC. Their health and safety are at the forefront in our thoughts when developing our enhanced procedures. We will be scheduling an Parent Information Zoom Session – PARENT TALK soon and please follow for more information.