

***WELCOME BACK FAMILIES AND CHILDREN!***

***WE HAVE MISSED YOU!***

As we prepare to reopen our programs the health and well being of all members of our First Adventure family is our top priority and **we continue to be committed to creating a culture of caring and support the growth, development and well-being of our children, families, and staff.**

COVID 19 has had a significant impact on all aspects of our lives, our community and has resulted to changes to our policies and procedures as required by the Ministries of Health, Labour, and Education. Everyone (staff, children, families) entering the building will be screened using the Ministry of Health Screening tool and denied entry if they do not meet all of the screening requirements. It is essential for the health and well-being of all of the children and staff that the information collected from the screening is accurate for everyone's safety thus failure to provide accurate information could put others at risk.

**Your child's program will look different** – there will be fewer children in your child's program, your child's educators will work closely with your child to help them feel nurtured, safe, and welcome. In all programs we will be working hard to implement all of the public health recommendations including increased handwashing, disinfecting toys, equipment, and social distancing when possible. Many activities and experiences will be staged to minimize the potential of cross contamination by providing children with individualized materials of interest and providing opportunities to explore. With the warmer weather educators will be increasing the outdoor time for children. We will require all families to provide individual sunscreen for their child accompanied with written instructions that are signed and dated. Outside children will be encouraged to become active and engaged in gross motor activities and discovery. In keeping with new COVID public health regulations all surfaces that cannot be easily cleaned and disinfected have been removed from the programs. We recognize that children will not be able to

maintain physical distancing independently however educators are planning engaging activities that reduce larger group activities in close proximity. When not possible to distance educators may wear PPE to help protect all members of our First Adventure family. To limit the children's exposure our programs will no longer be mixing children from other groups or educators from different programs at the beginning and end of day or in times of low enrolment. Educators will work within the predetermined pick up and drop off times of the children in their program. Educators will reach out to families via telephone and/or technology.

**Parents/Families expectations will look different** – families will be required to **drop off and pick up** their child at pre-determine times to maintain social distancing and to prevent/reduce waiting times. All families will bring children to the designated drop off doors (Bridge St. campus through first set of front doors, Georges Vanier Campus between the two sets of doors outside the school age programs). Only one family at a time can enter the first set of doors where they will be screened and complete the screening for their child and temperatures will be taken. Space will be designated outside of the building for families to stand while waiting for the foyer area to be vacated. Families will enter the building using the ramp and exit the building using the steps. Failure of anyone screened to meet the requirements will be denied entry and will be required to follow the expectations. Providing inaccurate information at the time of screening could put children and educators at risk and as such could result in the withdrawal of childcare services. If your child has any preexisting conditions that result in the following symptoms written confirmation from a medical practitioner must be on file specifying the symptoms.

- 1) Close contact with confirmed or probable case of COVID 19 – isolate for 14 days
- 2) Travel outside of Canada – isolate for 14 DAYS
- 3) New or worsening cough/croup or difficulty breathing – contact public health- 48 hours symptom free unless suspect COVID & then follow public health
- 4) Runny nose/nasal congestion – must be 24 hours symptom free
- 5) Diarrhea/vomiting/upset stomach – must be 24 hours symptom free
- 6) Sore throat/difficulty breathing – must be 24 hours symptom free

- 7) Fever – must be 24 hours symptom free, if your child has had medication to mask a fever they must not be at the centre until they are 24 hours symptom free
- 8) Pink eye- must be 24 hours symptom free
- 9) Multi system inflammatory vasculitis
- 10) If you have any medication to suppress any of these symptoms they will need to be symptom free for 24 hours without medication

The **adult dropping off** the child will be required to initial that all of the information collected in the completed screen is accurate. Failure to provide accurate information could result in putting children or other members of our First Adventure family at risk and will result in a suspension of childcare services.

The screener will then escort your child and their belongings to the child's program and will relay any messages that families may have for their child's educators.

**Pick Up times will be predetermined** in order to ensure adequate staffing to greet families at the doors or at the playground gate. For the health and safety of everyone and minimize exposure adults picking up or dropping off children (families/parents/guardians) will not enter the centre beyond the first set of doors or the playground, unless exceptional circumstances i.e. coming to pick up a sick child. Even at this time adults picking up children will be required to be screened and found safe to enter the building. If answering yes to any questions a staff will escort the sick child to the adult.