



YMCA Child Care / Spring Break Camps

COVID-19 FAQ
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Q: What measures is the YMCA taking to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in child care centres and spring break camps?

For the safety of our children, families and staff, we will do the following:

For children & families:

- We will be screening children every day when they arrive daily.
- All families will be asked to complete a Health Declaration Form at drop off/sign in each day until further notice. If parents or caregivers say yes to any of the questions, the child cannot participate in the program. The Declaration Form asks:
 - Has your child or anyone in your household had any of the following symptoms in the last 14 days? (Fever over 38.5 degrees Celsius, sneezing, coughing, difficulty breathing or shortness of breath)
 - Has your child or anyone in your household knowingly come in contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19?
 - Has your child or anyone in your household travelled in the last 14 days outside Canada?
- Children cannot attend the program for 14 days if they:
 - Knowingly been in direct contact with someone who is a presumptive or confirmed case of COVID-19;
 - Have travelled outside Canada;
 - If the staff or anyone in the household has come in contact with someone who has taken a positive COVID-19 test or been asked to self-isolate based on Public Health.
- YMCA staff will request permission to take the temperature of children prior to sign in each day with a quick scan thermometer. If parents/guardians don't consent, the child cannot participate in the program. If the child has a fever of 38.5 degrees Celsius or higher, they cannot participate in the program.
- If anyone develops symptoms of any illness or has a fever during a program, they will be sent home on a case-by-base basis.

For staff:

- YMCA staff are not permitted to attend work at any time when they are ill or exhibit any symptoms of any illness. This applies at all times as well as during the COVID-19 pandemic.

- YMCA staff are not permitted to travel outside Canada on YMCA business. If a YMCA staff member travels outside Canada for personal purposes, they are not permitted to return to work for 14 days.
- YMCA staff are not permitted to attend work gatherings of 250 or more.
- YMCA staff are recommended not to attend personal gatherings or events of 250 people or more. If they do so, they are asked to notify their supervisor. If the YMCA decides a staff member is at risk, they will not be permitted to attend work for 14 days.
- Staff are not permitted to attend work for 14 days if they:
 - Knowingly have been in direct contact with someone who is a presumptive or confirmed case of COVID-19;
 - Have travelled outside Canada; or
 - Anyone in their household has come in contact with someone who has taken a positive COVID-19 test.

Q: What sources is the YMCA using to inform the measures being taken?

We are following:

- The Canadian Federal Government and its agencies (Public Health Authority of Canada, Global Affairs Canada, Travel Advisories)
- The British Columbia Provincial Government and its agencies (Ministry of Health, BC Centre for Disease Control, Ministry of Children and Family Development)
- World Health Organization

Q: How are you increasing social distancing?

Unlike adults, children do not understand social distancing nor are they mature enough to practice it. That is why the YMCA is adding the measure of the Health Declaration Form and taking temperatures so that programs can remain open and social distancing is not a required measure.

Q: Are you cancelling out-trips?

If an out-trip is at a venue that is closed due to COVID-19 precautions, then we are cancelling the out-trip. If the venue remains open, the out-trip will proceed until further notice.

Q: What about children who have had any other symptoms recently, other than the symptoms listed on the Health Declaration Form?

If a child has had any other symptom recently, **with the exception of fever over 38 degrees Celsius, sneezing, coughing, difficulty breathing or shortness of breath**, they must be symptom-free for 72 hours before returning to the YMCA program.

Q: My child has asthma or allergies, and often has a runny nose or cough. What will the YMCA do in this case?

The YMCA will manage this on a case-by-case basis. We know that there are cases when regular allergies are the cause of illness and are not related to COVID-19.

In cases of regular illness, children must be symptom-free for 72 hours before returning to the program.

Q: During normal school schedule, my child is in After School YMCA child care. In those cases when my child goes directly from class to your program, how do I sign the Health Declaration form?

We are determining the best way to manage the form once school returns after spring break. We will notify you of our procedures at that time.

Q: Does recent travel apply to trips outside Canada or within Canada/BC?

Recent travel applies to trips outside Canada. Travel within Canada or BC is not a concern until further notice.

Q: I know my family has symptoms—COVID-19 or another illness. Do I need to come in to sign the form to notify you of our status?

No. If you know you will say yes to any of the questions on the Health Declaration Form, please contact the YMCA via phone or email to notify us.

Q: Will I get a refund if my child cannot participate due to COVID-19 illness or the YMCA's precautionary measures?

- If a child cannot participate in YMCA child care due to COVID-19 or their Health Declaration Form responses, we will credit their account.
- If a child cannot participate in a spring break day camp due to COVID-19 or their Health Declaration Form responses, they will receive a full refund.
- For other reasons not stated above, we will consider on a case by case basis.