**Policy**

Grace Christian School- Day Nursery is committed to providing a safe and healthy environment for children, families and employees. In order to reduce the risk of communicable diseases (including COVID-19), children who are sick while participating in our service will be excluded until parents come to pick him /or her up.

**Procedures**

Separate children of ill health by exclusion and isolation as required by the Child Care and Early Years Act.

1. When children are ill and/or exhibit COVID-19 related symptoms during the day at the Nursery, Staff will ensure the following:
* Ill children will be separated from all other children to the designated exclusion room, and will be supervised and monitored by a Staff until they are picked up from care by a parent/guardian
* Symptoms of illness will be recorded in the child's daily record and in a daily log as per the CCEYA
* The parent/guardian of the ill child will be notified of the child's symptoms and of the need to pick the child up immediately; or
* If it appears that the child requires immediate medical attention, the child will be taken to the hospital by ambulance and examined by a legally qualified medical practitioner or a nurse.
* Other children, including siblings of the sick child, and child care staff in the program who were present while the child became ill should be identified as a close contact and further grouped together until they can be picked up by parents/guardians.
* Supervisors must inform parents/guardians of children who were exposed to the ill child, and advise that they should monitor their child for symptoms.
1. If you suspect a child has symptoms of COVID-19 or a reportable communicable disease, please report these immediately to TPH's Communicable Disease Surveillance Unit (416-392-2489).
2. The sick child with COVID-19 symptoms is encourage to contact TPH for further testing.
3. The sick child parents must report back to the Nursery of the result.
* The result will be share with the families of the Nursery.
* If the result is a confirm case of COVID-19:
* the children and staff who are in the same class as the sick child will be exclude from the day care service for 14 days to be isolate at home to monitor for symptoms.
* These individuals who have been exposed are also encouraged to get tested any time within 14 days of the potential exposure. They will need to continue to self-isolate for 14 days even if the test is negative
* That particular classroom will be closed for 14 day for environmental cleaning.
* report the incident to Grace Chinese Gospel Church of NY (416-499-0111)
* Serious Occurrence will be reported to the Ministry of Education
1. The sick child who is being managed by Toronto Public Health should follow their instructions to determine when to return to the child care centre

**When to exclude**

Staff should exclude a sick child when the child shows any signs and/or symptoms that are greater than normal, or if the child is unable to participate in regular programming because of illness.

Exclusion symptoms:

* If the child has one or more of the following symptoms: fever, chills, cough, sore throat, tiredness or shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, , difficulty swallowing, decrease or loss of sense of taste or smell, headaches, unexplained fatigue/ muscle aches, nausea/vomiting, diarrhea, abdominal pain, pink eye, and runny nose/nasal congestion without known cause

**How to exclude**

1. Supervise the child in a designated room with a hand washing sink and/or hand sanitizer available
2. Notify parents and emergency contacts of the sick child to pick up as soon as possible
3. Only one staff should be in the designated exclusion room and attempt physical distancing. If physical distancing cannot be avoided, Staff should wear a mask, face shield and gloves. In addition, Staff should perform hand hygiene and attempt to not touch their face with unwashed hands
4. If possible, a mask should be placed on the ill child, but only if the child is able to understand that they cannot touch it
5. Clean and disinfect the area immediately after the child has been sent home. (Note: Change the disinfectant’s solution or dilution concentration to 50 ml of bleach to 450 ml of warm water and ensure appropriate disinfectant contact time of minimum 2 minutes or air dry).
6. All items used by the sick child should be cleaned and disinfected. All items that cannot be cleaned (paper, books, cardboard puzzles) should be removed and stored in a sealed container for a minimum of 7 days.

**Surveillance**

1. Ensuring that all environmental conditions are constantly monitored is essential in prevention and reducing illness. Employees must monitor for an increase in above normal amount of illnesses among other employees and children by looking at the normal occurrence of illness at that location and during the specific time period.
2. Ensure surveillance includes the following:
* Observe children for illness upon arrival
* Record symptoms of illness for each child including signs or complaints the child may describe (e.g., sore throat, stomach ache, head ache etc.)
* Record the date and time that the symptoms occur
* Record the room the child attends (e.g., room number/description)
* Record attendances and absences

**Returning from exclusion due to illness**

1. Staff/children who are being managed by TPH or doctor (e.g., confirmed cases of COVID-19, household contacts of cases) should follow instructions from TPH or doctor to determine when to return to the facility.
2. If not advised by TPH or doctor, Staff/children
* Will not be permitted back to the facility for a minimum of 14 days from symptoms onset
* Must not have a fever and their symptoms must be improving
* And must be 48 hours symptom free at a minimum past the 14 days mark

This is to certify that I have read and understood the contents of the Health Screening Policy and Procedures and shall comply with it.

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