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## **A Message to Home Child Care Parents**

We are pleased to advise you that Family Day's centre and home child care programs will gradually begin to reopen effective July 13, 2020. We want to share some of the changes you can expect when your child returns back into home child care.

### **Health & Safety Guidelines**

By the time we begin to reopen our programs, all caregivers will have received training. Family Day has introduced new health and safety guidelines as directed by the Ministry of Education and our local Officers of Health. Before returning to the program, all families are being made aware of these new guidelines and expectations. These new measures include individual health screening (for caregivers, children and parents) and new cleaning and disinfecting measures.

### **Changes to the early learning environment include the following:**

- Less children at each table for play, snacks and lunch.
- Toys or equipment that are difficult to clean and disinfect will be stored, or use will be monitored (e.g. plush toys, dress-up clothes, puppets, books, board games).
- Craft materials will be provided in individual kits/baskets for each child.
- Sensory materials like, playdough or goop, will be provided in individual containers and discarded after each child's use.
- Where possible, outdoor playtime will be increased.
- Caregivers will incorporate fun learning activities that teach children about physical distancing and personal hygiene.

### **Drop off and Pick Up Process**

Children and parents will be screened for illness. This screening will be done by the caregiver using questions that have been provided by public health.

At drop off, if your child is healthy, and screening is completed, the caregiver will receive your child at the front entrance of their home. Parents will not be permitted to enter the caregiver's home. At the end of each day, when you arrive at your caregiver's home, please call the caregiver to coordinate the pickup of your child. The caregiver will escort your child to the front door where you can pick them up. Please allow for extra time for both drop off and pick up. Your caregiver will be providing you with more specific details as it relates to their home.

The parent handbook is being revised with more detailed information about what is being done to manage the risks associated with COVID-19. For more specific information related to your child's program, please contact your caregiver or your home child care coordinator.

We understand what a difficult time this has been for everybody. We want to assure you that the health, safety and wellbeing of children, families, staff and caregivers is an ongoing priority for us. We are committed to supporting families and we are excited about welcoming children back into our home child care programs.

Sincerely,

Diane Daley, CEO  
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