



Blind Bay Munchkins Childcare strives to maintain a quality program for your children while supporting the health and safety of our families and educators. We understand that these are unprecedented times and we are still here to provide exceptional care for your family.

We are a fully licensed center and are regularly updated by our health officials and will continue to follow all updated protocols and procedures as outlined by the Health Authorities and BCCDC.

We have adapted our policies to reflect the current pandemic. The change will most likely be indefinite.

Staff or children who have symptoms of a common cold, influenza, COVID-19 or other infectious respiratory diseases are to remain at home.

Staff will assess themselves daily for symptoms and will stay home if they are ill.

Children or staff may return to the centre once they are assessed by their family physician or nurse practitioner and it is determined that they do NOT have COVID-19, **and** their symptoms have resolved.

On arrival, staff will review the health of the child with the parent, **before** the child enters the facility. If the child has any symptoms, they must return home as per the health policy.

Symptom	May return when
Temperature of 100 F / 37.8 C or higher (orally) or 99 F / 37.2 C or higher (under the arm)	May return to child care after a doctor's note or negative COVID-19 test is provided AND or when symptom free
Runny nose	May return to child care after a doctor's note or negative COVID-19 test is provided AND or when symptom free
Cough	May return to child care after a doctor's note or negative COVID-19 test is provided AND or when symptom free
Sore throat	May return to child care after a

	doctor's note or negative COVID-19 test is provided AND or when symptom free
Difficulty breathing or wheezing	May return to child care after a doctor's note or negative COVID-19 test is provided AND or when symptom free
Unexplained fatigue, aches or cold/flu-like symptoms	May return to child care after a doctor's note or negative COVID-19 test is provided AND or when symptom free
Sinus congestion	May return to child care after a doctor's note or negative COVID-19 test is provided AND or when symptom free
Children who have, or children with others living in the same home who have just returned from international travel	May return after self-isolating for 14 days AND being symptom free
Children who have, or children with others living in the same home who have been identified as at-risk of potential Covid19 exposure	May return after self-isolating for 14 days AND being symptom free

([Reference: Health Authority memo; COVID19 in childcare](#))

Additionally, our regular health and wellness policy stands:

Children may not attend child care programs while they have any of the following symptoms:

- unusual, unexplained loss of appetite, fatigue, irritability, or headache
- eye infections
- unexplained rashes or any rash that is not confirmed by doctor to be non-contagious
- known or suspected communicable diseases (measles, chicken pox, pink eye, hand foot and mouth, etc)
- ear infection
- nausea, vomiting and/or diarrhea in the last 48 hours

If a child presents any symptoms while in care, is generally unwell or unable to participate in the program the child's parent or guardian will be contacted to pick up immediately.
Until the child is picked up they will be in a separate area, supervised and supported as necessary.

Drop Off:

- Upon arrival please wash your own hands along with your child's using the sink in front of the garage- (there is only cold water- if this turns out to be permanent we will work on getting some hot water!)

Wash hands with soap and water for 20 seconds (sing the ABC's or twinkle twinkle little star! Make it fun ☺)

- Maintain social distancing practises with educators, parents and other children in care.
- One parent is to be dropping off only.
- Stagger drop offs- if you notice another parent in your program or at the sink- please wait.
- If dropping off before 8:15 a.m please head upstairs.
- After 8:15a.m head to your designated program. (Upstairs or Downstairs)
- Review the health of your child with the educator. If the child has any symptoms of the common cold, influenza, COVID-19 or other respiratory disease they must return home as per the health policy.
- Drop off child and backpack outside- Educator will sign child(ren) in.

All parents please refrain from entering the building if possible.

Pick Up:

- Maintain social distancing practises with educators and other children in care.
- One parent is to be picking up only.
- Use hand sanitizer or wash your hands in sink before entering the outside play area.
- **Pick up outside** anytime after 3:00p.m If you need to pick up earlier please text the Munchkins Cell and we will have your child ready- text again upon your arrival and your child will be sent out the door with washed hands and their backpack!
- Stagger pick up- please be mindful of others- pick up promptly.

Unless you NEED to enter the facility please do not. Your child's belongings will be ready at the end of the day outside.

If a parent absolutely must enter, they are to use hand sanitizer at the entrance, maintain physical distance from staff and other children while keeping their hands to themselves and touching as little as possible!

We will be sending home all personal items that were left at the daycare. We will be minimizing the amount of items going in and out of the building so please do the following;

What to send in the backpack on your **first** day:

- **Change of clothes in a Ziploc bag labeled with your child's name.** (If you don't have a Ziploc bag please send the spare clothes and we will provide a Ziploc bag and label.) This will be left at the center- We will let you know when they need to be replaced with fresh items.
- **Water Bottle**
- **Lunch Kit**
- **Hat**
- **Coat/sweater/rain gear- weather dependant**
- **Swim Suit in a labeled Ziploc bag** (To stay at the center- If you do not have a Ziploc we will provide one)

Daily in your child's backpack: **(PLEASE CLEAN DAILY!)**

- **Lunch Kit**
- **Water Bottle**
- **Hat**
- **Coat/sweater/rain gear- weather dependent**
- **Send back anything that was sent home to be washed** (clothes/swim gear)

Please DO NOT send your child with any toys from home 😊

We will provide sunscreen (\$5.00 charge) - mineral based- If you need a specific brand please provide it LABELED.

Transportation:

Our bus will be cleaned and disinfected after each use. We will continue to do out trips on nature hikes, and solo outdoor adventures resuming in September.

Daily Safety Measures:

- Children will spend the majority of the day outside in fresh air.
- Activities that are planned will encourage smaller groups of children in a group.
- Children and staff will practise/teach respiratory etiquette where necessary.
- We will continue to clean and disinfect in accordance with the BCCDC's Cleaning and Disinfectants for Public Settings document.

This includes all toys sanitized daily; bathrooms sanitized a minimum of 2x/day and high touch surfaces disinfected several times a day.

- All bedding is washed daily- all soft toys are not available to children at this time.

Children will wash hands:

- When they arrive and before they go home
- Before and after eating or drinking
- After using the washroom or diapering
- After playing outside
- After handling animals
- After sneezing or coughing
- Whenever hands are visibly dirty.

Staff will wash hands regularly and:

- When they arrive and before they go home
- Before and after handling food
- Before and after giving or applying medication
- After diapering and toileting
- After assisting children with care needs
- After using the washroom
- After contact with any body fluids(runny noses, spit, vomit, blood)
- After cleaning tasks
- After removing gloves
- After handling garbage
- Whenever hands are visibly dirty

Non compliance may result in termination of care

We are reminding families that having your child attend child care does mean that your entire family has a larger shared social distance bubble. Please behave responsibly and follow Dr Henry's recommendations if you are attending child care as well as socially interacting with individuals outside of your household. At this time, your "shared social distance bubble" includes all individuals that any member of your family interacts with, including your child.

Please be patient with us as we all figure out our new normal! If you have any questions or concerns please let us know. ☺ The health and safety of our families and staff is of the utmost importance.

