



RIDEAU LAKES EARLY LEARNING CENTRE

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Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Policies and Procedures

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE USE OF PPE IN CHILDCARE CENTRES

For non-healthcare settings the use of PPE should be based on a risk assessment of the task, the individual and environment.

CONSIDERATIONS FOR PPE USE:

- Staff will wash hands before donning PPE and after removal.
 - Staff will take care when removing PPE.
 - Staff will not reuse PPE.
 - PPE will be promptly discarded after use.
 - Staff will wear masks, gowns, and face shields/goggles/safety glasses when physical distancing cannot be maintained.
 - Staff are not required to wear goggles/face shield outdoors.
 - Staff masks must be worn in common areas such as main entrance and hallways.
 - When possible, staff will wear gloves when interacting with high-touch areas.
 - Children who become ill in the program will be encouraged to wear a face mask if over the age of 2 and can be tolerated. *Unless otherwise stated by a health care professional.*
 - Staff will remember not to touch their face with gloved hands.
- NOTE: N95 respirators are not indicated for use in childcare settings.

PPE AVAILABLE FOR STAFF USE:

- Masks
- Gloves
- Gowns/Crib Sheets/Protective Barrier
- Eye protection – Face Shield/safety glasses
- Sonya Seward will monitor the rate of PPE use and order more as needed.



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LOCATION OF PPE:

Front Entrance, and Main Room

PROTOCOL FOR USE:

Staff

- Mask, gowns, and face shield/safety glasses except when physical can be maintained (Masks must be worn whenever with children or around others)
- Gowns/Crib Sheets/Protective Barrier
- Gloves if taking temperatures, otherwise optional
 - If not wearing gloves, staff will practice handwashing between staff and families.

Cleaning

- Gloves
- Shield/safety glasses and mask if cleaning and disinfecting blood or bodily fluids or if anyone else is in the same room.

Illness

- Mask/ Shield/Safety Glasses
 - Child showing symptoms of illness may be provided with a mask to wear if tolerated and over the age of two.
- Gowns/Crib Sheets/Protective Barrier
- Gloves (optional)
 - If not wearing gloves, staff will practice handwashing frequently.

Training:

- Staff are trained on and can demonstrate proper donning and removal of PPE.

Note/ Exemptions: Staff will not be required to wear a mask and face covering when eating. Eating will be encouraged on designated breaks. Designated break area is upstairs room and physical distancing will be maintained when possible.