

COVID PLAN FOR KIDSFEST

GENERAL

- We are committed to educate all Kidsfest leaders on risk factors and prevention procedures.
- We are Integrating prevention strategies in our day-to-day operation.
- Masks are being worn at all times by all leaders, staff, and children who are able to wear them.

PRECAUTIONS

Staff/children are encouraged to:

- Wash hands often with soap and water or alcohol-based hand sanitizer
- sneeze and cough into your sleeve
- avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth
- avoid contact with people who are sick.
- stay at home if you are sick

Physical Distancing

- Groups are a maximum of seven children, a cohort is made up of two groups that will be at stations together but physically distanced.
- Markers for social distancing are set in all necessary areas both inside and outside.
- We are increasing the use of outdoor areas for play and learning while incorporating more individual activities and activities that encourage more space between children.

KIDSFEST LEADER TRAINING

- We will ensure that all Kidsfest leaders are trained on the health, safety and other operational measures outlined in this document plus any additional local requirements from the Middlesex-London Health Unit.
- This includes instruction on how to properly clean an environment, how to safely conduct daily screening and keep daily attendance and screening records, and what to do in the case that someone becomes sick.

PICK-UP/DROP-OFF

- Only one parent/guardian may accompany their child to sign in.
- Parents/guardians are required to self-screen both their child and themselves at home prior to attending.

When Arriving to Kidsfest:

- Drop-off begins at 8:45 am
- Parents/guardians are asked to form a line, keeping a 2m distance.
- Adults are required to wear a mask while at Kidsfest (one will be provided if needed).
- Pick-up begins at 4 pm
- At pick-up, parents/guardians are asked to remain at the check-in desk line while keeping a 2m distance.

ACTIVITIES

- Outdoor activities are in small groups in order to best facilitate physical distancing.
- Activities are set up in a staggered manner in order to maintain distance and proper capacity.
- All used stations are sanitized before and after each group uses them.
- Leaders are encouraged children and other staff to wear their masks properly and maintain proper distance.
- Program staff will have designated outdoor toys and equipment (e.g., hula-hoops, loose equipment, etc.) for each group and may not be shared.

FOOD

- Each child will be assigned a spot to eat during nutrition breaks.

Staff will ensure:

- there is no sharing of food during nutrition breaks
- proper hand hygiene is practised before and after a child eats
- children are practising physical distancing while eating
- any snacks provided by Kidsfest are individually packaged

CLEANING

- In addition to routine cleaning, surfaces that have frequent contact with hands should be cleaned and disinfected twice per day and when visibly dirty using disinfecting wipes.
- Cleaning checklists are placed in every room to keep proper record of when and how a space was cleaned.
- Washrooms are to be disinfected twice a day. In doing this, Kidsfest leaders will disinfect taps, toilet handle, toilet seat, and sink, empty garbage if needed, refill soap, hand-sanitizer, and paper towels if needed, and complete the cleaning log.

SCREENING FOR SYMPTOMS

- All individuals including children, staff, parents/guardians, and visitors must be screened each day before arriving to Kidsfest.
- Children and adults will be screened again by staff upon arrival.
- Kidsfest leaders are required to complete the self-assessment screening before they arrive.
- Signs or symptoms of COVID-19, such as: respiratory infection, such as cough (dry or productive), loss of appetite, chills, nasal congestion, headache, feeling unwell/fatigue, sore muscles, runny nose/sneezing, sore throat/hoarseness, wheezing, shortness of breath/difficulty breathing, diarrhea, vomiting or other they must stay home.

MANAGEMENT OF CHILDREN WITH POSSIBLE COVID-19

If a child begins to experience symptoms of COVID-19, staff will immediately separate that child from others and supervise them in the screening room until they are picked up (while practicing hygiene and respiratory etiquette).

- The child and supervising leader should continue to wear a mask at all times and not interact with others.
- The Middlesex-London Health Unit should be notified, and their advice should be followed.
- Where a child or staff is suspected of having or has a confirmed case of COVID-19, Kidsfest staff must report this to the ministry as a serious occurrence.
- Other children, including siblings of the sick child, and staff in the program who were present while the child or staff member became ill should be identified as a close contact and further cohorted (i.e., grouped together) until they can be picked up by parents/guardians to self-isolate at home.
- As part of follow-up, Kidsfest staff will communicate any confirmed cases of COVID-19 to parents as well as communicating with families regarding the enhancement of health and safety measures to ensure transparency of expectations.