

## Updates for Covid Protocol - BI Sessions

As we steer our way through sessions, groups, camps and IIP programs with the global pandemic in the background, your child's well-being and achievement continues to be our principle goal.

With daily changes and increased cases of COVID 19 in our province, we have made the following changes to our COVID 19 Safety Plan, as recommended by our Provincial Health Officer and WorkSafeBC.

- All staff and adults who enter our Seymour Centre are required to wear a (non-medical) mask when present with other staff members, clients and client families.
- Children in after school groups are asked to wear a mask when entering and exiting the building.
- Children in the older age group of after school groups are asked to wear a mask during times, they are not able to socially distance. Masks may be taken off during snack and mealtimes.
- Children and youth that are over the age of 6 years that are attending BI sessions, will be asked to wear a mask when entering and exiting the building. Children will be encouraged to wear their mask during their session, but it will not be required.
- Children under 6 are not required to wear a mask while in our facilities
  - We understand that wearing masks can be difficult for many children. We are happy to make accommodations when necessary and work towards a situation that will keep staff, clients and families as safe as possible.
- Children in our IIP- school program will follow the protocols of the Kamloops Christian school.
- Staff and clients will practice good hand hygiene and respiratory etiquette.
- Anyone that develops symptoms part way through a session, will immediately be removed from others and arrangements will be promptly made for them to leave the premises.
- Access into SB premise will be limited to staff and children. We request that children wait in their vehicle with parents until their BI, EI or group instructor comes out to meet them.
- If parents wish to speak to a director, administrator or management, please contact the office or IEP for an appointment. Front door only access for parent appointments at Seymour Centre.
- In person, parent meetings will only be conducted when necessary. Social Butterflies Activities and Learning Ltd. staff are conducting most parent meetings virtually. Masks must now be worn by all adults and children over six upon entering our facilities unless there are extenuating circumstances that prohibit it.

- The few staff members who transport children are asked to limit the amount of time spent in vehicles with the client. Prior to, and after transporting children in vehicles, staff are required to sanitize door handles, seat belt buckles and other high touch surfaces. Children will be asked to wash their hands or use sanitizer before and after the trip. The child will be placed in the back-passenger seat, in the furthest possible position from the driver. Staff are asked to avoid using the recirculated air option for the car's ventilation, and instead use the car's vents and/or a partially opened windows to bring in fresh air from outside.
- **As a reminder, the BCCDC states that children who have one or more of the following symptoms should stay home and be monitored for a *minimum of 24 hours*: fever, chills, cough, shortness of breath, nausea, vomiting or diarrhea. If anyone has two or more of the symptoms it is recommended that they seek medical advice (see a doctor, call 8-1-1 or get tested).**

All of Social Butterflies Activities and Learning Ltd.'s in-person activities require staff to complete a daily self-assessment. As well, the capacity in our building is limited to reduce contact opportunities. Our sites require masks and physical distancing (of 6 feet or more) whenever possible. Group sizes are limited, and efforts are made to avoid contact with individuals outside each program. We are promoting stringent hand hygiene (washing and sanitizing) and have limited the use of shared equipment. Materials and are cleaned and disinfected between uses. Commonly used areas are also being cleaned and sanitized daily and therapy rooms are being sanitized between uses.

**We encourage families to follow the guidelines from Public Health and call 8-1-1 if you or family member have any symptom concerns.** Public Health decides the risk level and will dictate the appropriate response given the level of contact and risks.

Social Butterflies Activities and Learning Ltd. is diligently monitoring what is happening in the community and is taking measures to update protocols as they evolve in the community.