



## **Christianne's Lyceum of Literature and Art COVID-19 Policy as of January, 2021.**

This policy incorporates procedures and practices provided by the B.C. Government in order for childcare services/environments to prevent the transmission of COVID-19 and maintain safe and healthy environments for children and staff during the COVID-19 pandemic. The Lyceum has been through tough times and has always felt the support of its unique and generous community. We expect that opening our doors for fall programming will invite similar support and conscientious actions.

### **Environmental Measures**

**Signage regarding sickness measures, hand washing, and coughing/sneezing etiquette will be displayed around the building.**

### ***Building flow***

Craft tables will be set up to facilitate physical distancing and markers will be placed on the pavement in 2 meter distances from the front entrance.

- **Fall bookclubs will be held on-line except for the Booklets (preschool).**

### ***Mask policy for in-person sessions***

Due to the increased number of cases of COVID-19 during August 2020, we are asking that non-medical masks be worn in all areas of the building.

- Students are encouraged to bring their own masks, but we have disposable masks available if necessary.
- Exemptions will be made for students who cannot wear a mask for medical reasons.

### ***Cleaning and disinfection***

- Frequently touched shared surfaces will be cleaned and disinfected at least twice a day (door knobs, light switches, toilet handles, tables, counter surfaces, stair rails, chairs, toy chest).



- Difficult to clean items will be limited e.g. fabric or soft items to streamline cleaning. Garbage containers will be emptied daily and washrooms will be cleaned at least three times a day.
- Six sanitation stations will be placed throughout the centre.
- Deep cleaning and disinfecting of the entire premise will occur each night.
- There is no evidence that the COVID-19 virus is transmitted by any paper or paper-based products, so there will be no limit on sharing paper-based resources.
- Students will practice social distancing when walking to the community garden using outstretched arms as a measure.

### ***Outings***

- Whenever possible, students will have their snack outdoors in an individual recycled, compostable paper bag.
- We will pre-pack our picnic wagon in a food safe manner giving attention to allergy requirements of the group - the Lyceum is a peanut free zone. Each child will receive an individual package with a hearty snack.
- Children will be asked to wear masks if social distancing cannot be maintained.

### **Personal Measures**

#### ***Physical distancing***

- Parents and caregivers will remain outside during pick-up and drop off (if your child is experiencing or you expect them to experience separation anxiety, please contact us so we can make extenuating accommodations).
- Students and staff will avoid close greetings.
- For younger students, we will focus on “keeping hands to yourself” while with older students, we will encourage double arm spanned distancing.
- During our traditional park snack picnics, instead of meeting around a picnic blanket, we will insure independent mats where children will sit in a large circle distanced appropriately.
- Wherever possible and practical, we will try to take learning outside.
- If students need to use the washroom, they must alert an adult so that social distancing can be facilitated.



- If a child were to become ill during the camp session, they will be placed in an isolation area with a staff member wearing full PPE. Staff will assess themselves daily for symptoms of the common cold, influenza or COVID-19 and stay home if they are ill.

### ***Hygiene***

- All visitors to the Lyceum will sanitize their hands on entry and exit. Students will wash their hands regularly (at a minimum: when they arrive and before they go, before eating and drinking, after using the toilet, after sneezing or coughing into a tissue).
- Students will be reminded to use proper sneeze/cough etiquette.
- We will discourage food or drink sharing.
- At least one sanitation break will be scheduled during each class in addition to the above. When possible, students and staff will be encouraged to use running water and soap to wash soap for at least 20-30 seconds. Otherwise they will be asked to use sanitizer (an amount the size of a loonie) for 20 seconds so as to cover all surfaces of the hands and wrists. If a child suffers from eczema accommodations will be made.

### ***Use of PPE***

- PPE such as masks and gloves will not be required for the regular activities. However, we recognize that wearing a mask is a personal choice and we will encourage the campers and staff to treat people who choose to wear masks, irrespective of distance, with respect. The Lyceum will have both child and adult sized PPE equipment on hand if circumstances were to arise that protection is needed.
- Students are encouraged to have a mask available for outings in case social distancing is not possible.

### ***Administration***

- At the start of class, parents will be required to sign a health declaration (the form will cover questions about travel outside

of Canada, contact with confirmed cases or respiratory illness symptoms).

- Each student's temperature will be measured with a non-contact infrared thermometer before entering the Lyceum.
- As we minimize non-essential people coming into the Lyceum, and we commit to keeping parents informed about any changes to our procedures and protocols. We will have our protocols posted on the door and on our website.
- We will also send a copy of our protocols to families before the beginning of the child's program. We will ensure that staff, parents and students know that they must stay home if they are sick.





## ***Documentation***

As causal communication regarding your child's experience or messages from home will be reduced by new drop-off and pick-up policies, we will commit to efficient email responses and the sharing of photos and summary write-ups of our programs.

If you have any questions regarding these policies and/or procedures, please contact us at the [lyceum@christiannehayward.com](mailto:lyceum@christiannehayward.com) or call 604.733.1356. Thank you for your patience and cooperation during these challenging times.

## **Should children or staff with seasonal allergies stay home?**

Children and staff with seasonal allergies don't need to stay home. If the allergy symptoms are the same as they usually are during this time of year (e.g., itchy eyes, runny nose) and can be relieved with antihistamine or allergy medication, then they can continue to attend the Lyceum.

If children or staff are unsure if the symptoms are related to allergies or they notice a sudden change in the severity or type of symptoms, action is needed. They should stay at home and use the self-assessment tool at [bc.thrive.health](https://bc.thrive.health), call 8-1-1 to assess symptoms or be assessed by a healthcare provider to determine if testing is required.

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