



Early Learning Programs

COVID-19 Assumption of Risk and Permission Form

By signing this document, your and your child's legal rights may be affected.

Please read carefully!

Dr. Bonnie Henry stated on May 16, 2020 that "COVID-19 is new for all of us". We at Oceanside Building Learning Together (OBLT) responded to the direction from our public health officials to first close our facilities and cease offering services. We are now able to reopen our facilities and offer services to our community cautiously, with the safety of our staff, volunteers and community being our priority.

COVID-19 remains a worldwide pandemic and a threat to our local health and safety. We know the following (this list is not intended to be exhaustive):

1. The infectious agent, SARS-CoV-2, has caused community transmission of a serious communicable and potentially fatal disease known as COVID-19 amongst the population of the Province of British Columbia;
2. Our public health officials have determined this constitutes a regional event as defined in Section 51 of the *Public Health Act*;
3. A person infected with SARS-CoV-2 can infect other people with whom the infected person comes into contact with; and
4. The gathering of people in close contact with one another can promote the transmission of SARS-CoV-2 and increase the number of people who develop COVID-19.

We cannot be certain that a person (of any age) will not contract SARS-CoV-2 while participating in one of our programs, but we have taken the steps required to develop our COVID-19 Safety Plan, which is available for your review at our programs, and at www.oblt.ca. We have implemented our COVID-19 Safety Plan and will be applying our policies and procedures, but the risk remains that a COVID-19 outbreak could occur despite our best efforts.

It is vital that **no person who feels sick in any way visit or participate in any of our programs**. We do not employ health professionals and do not screen for potential illness. It is also vital that no person bring a child to any of our programs if the child is feeling unwell or showing any symptoms of illness. Again, we do not screen for same.

For our early learning programs, we will not be enforcing physical distancing amongst the children. We will be reducing the number of children in each program compared to our standard practices. We will emphasize hygiene and provide for handwashing as children begin and end their sessions in our programs. However, it is vital that children be permitted to play and this includes games where there will be touching and use of program toys and equipment. We strongly encourage activities to take place outdoors. **All** adults must wear a mask while attending programs.

It is vital that any person who believes that they may have become ill or their child may have become ill within 14 days of visiting one of our facilities and/or while taking part in one of our programs (as a participant or volunteer), report this immediately by contacting our main office at 250-947-8252 and seek appropriate

medical attention by first calling 8-1-1. We will share personal information for the purposes of contact tracing if directed to do so by Island Health Officials. To attend our programs you must consent to the same.

Please do not participate or allow your child to participate in any of our activities or programs if you or your child has:

- Experienced any of these symptoms: fever, chills, cough or worsening of chronic cough, shortness of breath, loss of sense of smell or taste, diarrhea, nausea and vomiting.
- Returned from travel outside of Canada within 14 days
- Been a confirmed contact of a person confirmed to have COVID-19.

Lastly, it is vital that we all be calm and compassionate throughout this pandemic. Any person who exhibits any aggression towards our staff/volunteers or any other person in one of our facilities and/or programs will be asked to leave and not return.

If you would like more information regarding the risks associated with COVID-19 for children, please review the following BC CDC publications:

[COVID-19 Public Health Guidance for Child Care Settings](#)

I/we have read, understand and agree to the Assumption of Risk and Permission Form for the child as well as the parent/guardian/caregiver who attends with the child.	Initial Here
I/we have read, understand and agree to the Assumption of Risk and Permission Form and will be responsible for my/our child to listen to and follow the instructions provided.	Initial Here
Name of child	Date
Signature of parent/guardian	
Print name clearly	
Email address	
Cell phone:	