

S.O.K.O. COVID-19 Policy

***New, June 2020**

When re-opening S.O.K.O. there will be new guidelines:

Safety – We will be operating in cohorts of 30 people (children and staff members) who will stay together throughout the day. S.O.K.O. staff will work with parents to create cohorts. Most will be based on friends and similar interests as well as parental requests.

Children will not be allowed to bring in anything from home, with the exception of water bottle, lunch, backpack, and extra clothing.

Staff members, parents, and guardians and children must not attend if they are sick, even if symptoms resemble a minor cold. Parents must check the temperature of their children daily before coming to the program. There will be symptom screening in the form of a questionnaire to be filled out by parents/guardians during drop off. S.O.K.O. has the right to refuse entry to the program based on the questionnaire. S.O.K.O. will keep a daily record of anyone attending the program who stayed for 15 minutes or longer.

If we are connected to a confirmed or probable case of COVID-19, S.O.K.O. we are required to close for a minimum of 72 hours to allow contact tracing, and then adhere to recommendations from Alberta Health.

Illness – If a child develops symptoms, we will notify parents to come immediately. The child will be isolated from other children. Staff will wear a mask during all interactions with the child and should avoid contact. All items used by the child will be cleaned and disinfected. If a staff member develops symptoms, they will go home to self isolate and have testing done. Staff will only return to S.O.K.O. once a negative test result is received or they have self isolated for 14 days.

Physical Distancing and Use of Shared Space– Cohorts cannot mix with other cohorts or be within the same room/space at the same time. Only one cohort at a time may use the same outdoor play space. Each cohort will have designated equipment and craft supplies. There will also be designated days for each cohort to play with certain toys. These toys will be cleaned and disinfected overnight.

The washroom stalls will be labeled for each cohort.

Program Planning – There will be separate equipment and supplies for each cohort. All activities will be carefully considered. Most will be modified to accommodate for physical distancing when possible and will not use items that are frequently touched by many hands. Outdoor activities and nature walks will be encouraged.

Lunches and Snacks – Families are required to send lunch and snacks with their children. These must be kept with their belongings in their backpacks, we will no longer store lunches together. S.O.K.O. will utilize the gym to accommodate physical distancing while eating, with a maximum of 4 children per table. Children may still bring microwavable food items, staff will wear gloves during meal time and will microwave. Children will not be permitted in the kitchen area. All children are required to bring their own utensils for lunches. Special snacks given out by staff will be individual and pre-packaged.

Drop Off and Pick Up Procedures – We are asking parents to have one designated person for drop off and pick up. One parent/guardian must come in the program at drop off to fill in the health questionnaire. If the same parent is not available for pick up, please call from the parking lot and staff will sign the children out of the program and escort them to parents. There will be no non-essential visitors at the program and parents must minimize the time spent at S.O.K.O. There will be hand sanitizer at sign in stations, but parents and children are also required to

wash their hands before coming to S.O.K.O. (when leaving their house).

Signage – S.O.K.O. will post all appropriate signage at entrances and throughout the building.

Cleaning – There will be frequent, thorough cleaning and disinfecting each day. This will follow AHS guidelines. When one cohort leaves an area, one staff member will clean and disinfect before another cohort uses that area. Staff will fill out a cleaning log. The community center has custodial services which will clean and disinfect each night as well.