

# COVID-19 Assumption of Risk & Permission Form

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MAY BE AFFECTED

***PLEASE READ CAREFULLY!***

COVID-19 is a contagious and potentially fatal disease, caused by the SARS-CoV-2 infectious agent. The global COVID-19 pandemic is an ongoing threat to the health and safety of the public. At the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, The Corporation of the District of Saanich ("Saanich") responded to the initial orders and directions of public health officials to close our facilities and cease offering services. We are now responding to the direction to reopen our facilities and offer services to our community cautiously, with the safety of our staff and community being our priority.

We cannot be certain that a person (of any age) will not contract SARS-CoV-2 at one of our facilities and/or while participating in one of our programs, but we have taken the steps required to develop our COVID-19 Safety Plan and Guidelines, which are available for your review here: [Safety Plan](#). 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 any of our facilities and/or utilize any of our services. It is also vital that no person bring a child to any of our facilities if the child is feeling unwell or showing any symptoms of illness. We do not employ health professionals and do not screen for potential illness.

For our camps and other programs for children, 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 days in our programs. However, it is vital that children be permitted to play and this includes games where there will be touching (such as tag) and use of playground equipment. If your preference is solely for outdoor activity, please select a program for your child that provides the same.

It is vital that any person who believes that they or their child may have become ill within 14 days of visiting one of our facilities/ programs to immediately seek medical advice by calling 8-1-1. Saanich will share personal information with Island Health for the purposes of contact tracing if the need arises. By signing this form, you are consenting to sharing your information with Island Health.

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

1. Any of the symptoms listed below:

- ☐ Fever (temperature of 37.8 C or higher (orally) or 37.2 C or higher (under the arm))
- ☐ Difficulty Breathing
- ☐ Cold and flu symptoms including; chills, cough, or sneezing.
- ☐ Runny nose
- (If you suffer from seasonal allergies then please inform the instructor)
- ☐ Sore throat
- ☐ Headache
- ☐ Loss of sense of smell or taste
- ☐ Eye infections

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- ☐ Unexplained rashes or any rash that is not confirmed by doctor to be non-contagious
- ☐ Known or suspected communicable diseases (measles, chicken pox, pink eye, hand foot and mouth, etc.)
- ☐ Nausea, vomiting and/or diarrhea in the last 48 hours

2. Been in close contact with anyone else who has had these symptoms in the last 14 days; or
3. Been in close contact with anyone else who has travelled outside of Canada in the last 14 days.

If your child has **one** of the symptoms above (excluding fever and difficulty breathing) they need to stay home for 24 hours from when the symptom started. If they are symptom free, they may return to our program. If their symptom worsens, seek a health assessment.

If your child has **two or more** of the symptoms above or has a fever, they must stay home until they have been assessed by a health care provider (physician, nurse practitioner or 8-1-1) to exclude COVID-19 or other infectious diseases **and** the symptoms have resolved.

Please note: If a child is displaying symptoms of respiratory distress or illness while in a Saanich program, the parent/guardian will be phoned to pick up the child and contact 811.

Lastly, it is vital that we all be calm and compassionate throughout this pandemic. Any person who exhibits any aggression towards our staff 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 K-12 School Settings](#)

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

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Name of Child

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Date

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Signature of Parent/Guardian

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Telephone Number

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Email Address

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