



qathet Museum & Archives Society

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COMMUNICABLE DISEASE PREVENTION PLAN

Stay home if you are sick:

Check with yourself and/or your child to see you have any COVID-19 symptoms before visiting the Museum or attending a program. Teach your child about common COVID-19 symptoms if they are old enough to understand.

Do not come to the Museum if you or your child:

- Are sick with, or showing symptoms of, COVID-19, Influenza or a Cold
- have been told by public health to self-isolate because they are a close contact to someone with COVID-19
- have travelled outside of Canada and are required to quarantine for 14 days

If you have any unusual symptoms:

- Use the BC Covid-19 Self-Assessment Tool, call 8-1-1, or contact your health care provider to see if they need COVID-19 testing
- Self-isolate until symptoms resolve or as directed by public health
- Self-test for COVID-19, with a rapid test, each day for three days after symptoms common to a Cold, Influenza, or COVID-19 appear
- Individuals who present symptoms common to communicable illness, including Covid-19, Influenza, or a Cold during their time at the Museum will be asked to leave the premises. During day camps, children will be isolated from the rest of the group, and the parent or legal of the sick child will be contacted immediately to take the child home.
- After an ill individual leaves the premises, staff will thoroughly sanitize the high contact surfaces that the ill individual may have had contact with.

If you test positive for COVID-19:

For fully vaccinated* individuals or less than 18 years of age:

You can end isolation when all three of these conditions are met:

- At least 5 days have passed since your symptoms started, or from test date if you did not have symptoms.
- Fever has resolved without the use of fever-reducing medication, such as acetaminophen or ibuprofen.
- Symptoms have improved.

*Fully vaccinated means you received both doses of a 2-dose series (e.g. AstraZeneca, Pfizer, or Moderna vaccine) or it has been more than 14 days since you received a single dose of a 1-dose series (e.g. Janssen/ Johnson and Johnson).



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For unvaccinated individuals and over 18 years of age:

You can end isolation when all three of these conditions are met:

- At least 10 days have passed since your symptoms started, or from the day you tested positive if you did not have symptoms.
- Fever has resolved without the use of fever-reducing medication, such as acetaminophen or ibuprofen.
- Symptoms have improved.

In addition:

- You will be required to wear a mask onsite for five days after the return to work or participation for volunteers and program participants for those recovering from illness.
- If a staff member, volunteer or program participant tests positive for COVID-19, masks will be highly encouraged among the rest of the team. Staff, volunteers and participants will also self-monitor for the symptoms common to a Cold, Influenza or Covid-19.

Additional measures you and/or your child can take:

1. Clean hands often, including before and after each activity:
 - leaving and going home
 - playing
 - going outside
 - eating
 - using the washroom
 - touching shared things like sports equipment, art supplies or toys.
2. Cover coughs and sneezes with elbows or tissues. Put tissues straight in the garbage and sanitize hands by washing with soap and water or by applying hand sanitizer.
3. Masks are recommended and encouraged, but not required. Children under the age of 2 years old should not wear masks. If choosing to wear a mask, show your child how to wear it safely.
4. While getting vaccinated with the COVID-19 vaccine is not required to attend programs or visit the Museum, everyone who is eligible is encouraged to get vaccinated for the common good.
5. Avoid sharing food, drinks, and other personal items. Pack lunches in thermos containers and insulated lunch bags with an ice pack. Be sure to pack a full water bottle.
6. Place the toilet lid down when flushing to prevent toilet aerosol plume of viruses from contaminating surfaces.



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Be open and honest with your children:

- Listen to any concerns about going to day camp or other programs
- Let them ask question
- Tell them what their day camp setting is doing to help prevent COVID-19
- Focus on and acknowledge positive behaviours like hand washing
- Help them realize that they can do a lot to protect themselves and others, such as staying home if they are sick

What we are doing to keep you safe:

1. Staff will not come to work if they are sick. If staff show symptoms but are able to work, accommodations to work from home will made for them
2. Staff will practice healthy hand hygiene practices
3. We will maintain a clean work environment
4. Regularly sanitize high touch surfaces, particularly washrooms – wiping all handles, taps, light switches and mopping the washroom floors with disinfectant twice per day. Staff members to complete the sanitization check list after each cleaning, as per their schedule of daily work duties
5. Staff to promote and remind children to practice safe COVID-19 etiquette for sneezing, physical distancing and hand sanitation
6. Promote air ventilation by switching on fans, and opening windows and/or doors
7. Support employees in receiving vaccinations

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