

## **Communicable Disease Prevention Plan for Braefoot Community Association (Braefoot)**

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### **Purpose**

These guidelines are intended to protect participants, parents/guardians, and Braefoot staff in Braefoot programs. This plan will be updated as new scientific information, government recommendations, and social norms become available. This is a continually evolving situation that requires adaptation and flexibility.

### **Prior to Your First Day in the Program**

Each participant should be monitored for symptoms of communicable diseases. Should a participant or anyone in their household become sick, please refrain from attending the program until everyone in the house has recovered.

Participants may, at their parents' discretion, bring a face mask with them to the program each day to wear during activities where social distancing will be difficult to maintain.

### **Before the Program Each Day**

Each participant should be monitored for signs of sickness. Should a participant or anyone in their household become sick, please refrain from attending the program until everyone in the house has recovered.

### **During the program**

Program Leaders will be monitoring the participants for symptoms of COVID-19 and other diseases while they are at Braefoot. If someone is exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19 at a Braefoot program:

We will assess the situation and respond in a way that is appropriate to the situation:

- If the person is in acute distress (urgent), then we'll call 911 and follow their directions
- If the person is not in acute distress (semi-urgent or non-urgent), then we'll follow isolation protocols, call parents/guardians, report the potential outbreak to health officials, and instigate a 14 day isolation protocol for all participants unless they can access reliable testing and be cleared by an appropriate medical professional.

It is not possible to strictly enforce a 2m physical distance between participants at all times in a summer camp setting. As such, our risk management for COVID-19 is based on a standard of reasonable risk rather than a standard of caution.

It is important to note that respiratory, fecal-oral, and environmental transmission for a host of viral, bacterial, and protozoan infections are a normal aspect of risk management in any child care related program. Many of our existing protocols and practices such as hand washing, and surface cleaning are standard operating procedure. However, these protocols are being enhanced due to COVID-19.

Leaders are required to wear masks while indoors during the programs, and there are gloves available should any participant require first aid. Commonly touched surfaces (door handles, light switches, etc) will be sanitized twice a day. Other surfaces will be sanitized once a day. A container of hand sanitizer will be available throughout the day.

**After the program.**

If someone develops the symptoms of a communicable disease or test positive for one within 14 days of the end of your program, please:

- Self isolate
- Contact Braefoot Office at 250-721-2244 or [admin@braefoot.ca](mailto:admin@braefoot.ca) as soon as possible so we can notify other group members.