

Frequently Asked Questions
Eagles Nest Out of School Care Society
2020-2021 Programs

1. Will Eagles Nest be running Out of School Care and Little Eagles Preschool programs this year?

Yes! We have been working diligently with Licensing and Alberta Health Services to ensure that our programs adhere to the current COVID-19 guidelines and best practices.

2. Will the capacity of programs change due to COVID-19 guidelines?

No. The capacity of each of our programs will remain at 22. Program registrants are viewed by Licensing and AHS as a cohort. However, Miss Amy will ensure that the seating arrangement of the program room adheres to social distancing recommendations.

3. What COVID-19 practices will be in place?

As mentioned above, we are diligently adhering to the current COVID-19 guidelines and best practices. At this time, this includes:

- Verified on-site screening and temperature checks
- Increased sanitization and hand-washing with approved alcohol-based sanitizers
- Increased disinfecting of high-touch surfaces and toys with approved cleaning solutions
- Adherence to social distancing recommendations
- Approved AHS signage pertaining to proper hand-washing, hand-sanitizing, and personal protective equipment (PPE) protocol

Additionally, our program will not be using shared outdoor equipment for outdoor play. At this time, Miss Amy will use designated green space areas for outdoor free play and structured activities.

4. Can I register my child for Little Eagles Preschool even if they attend other child care programs?

Yes! However, you will need to adhere to a policy specific to children who are a part of multiple cohorts. You will be responsible for completing a verified screening checklist, and verifying that your child's cohorts are following AHS guidelines to the best of your knowledge.

5. Will the Little Eagles Preschool program require parent volunteers this year?

At this time, parent volunteers are not permitted. However, we are in the process of hiring a new staff member to support our program needs. If this changes, we will send out an updated request for parent volunteers.

6. How will drop-off and pick-up look this fall?

At this time, ALL drop-off and pick-up will occur outside the building. Parents and guardians will not be able to bring their children into the program room. Please be aware that verified screening will occur at every drop-off.

7. Will my child be able to play with toys?

Yes! As mentioned, toys will be disinfected and sanitized daily with approved solutions. The cleaning solution will be tested daily using approved testing strips. Miss Amy will also be introducing a weekly rotation of toys to ensure a variety of engaging toys are always sanitized and available.

8. Will my child be able to play with other children?

Yes! Our OOSC and Little Eagles program participants form a cohort. After verified screening, hand sanitizing, and hand washing has occurred program participants will be able to play together and participate in Miss Amy's activities.

9. What happens if my child gets sick at OOSC or Little Eagles?

If your child gets sick while attending our programs, they will be moved to a designated quarantine space and required to wear a mask until they are picked up. The staff member observing this child will also be required to wear a mask. We will be required to log this illness as per Licensing requirements.

10. What happens if a child in the program tests positive for COVID-19?

If a child in the program tests positive for COVID-19, they will not be able to attend the program, and will be expected to abide by AHS regulations. More information to follow as we receive direction from AHS regarding this matter.

11. What happens if a child's family member tests positive for COVID-19?

If a child's family member tests positive for COVID-19, the child will not be able to attend the program, as they have been in contact with someone who as tested positive.

12. What happens if a staff member tests positive for COVID-19?

If a staff member tests positive for COVID-19, they will not be able to attend the program, and will be expected to abide by AHS regulations. More information to follow as we receive direction from AHS regarding this matter.

13. Will my child have to wear a mask?

No! Our OOSC and Little Eagles program participants form a cohort, so masks are not required. However, if your child becomes sick while at OOSC or Little Eagles, they will be required to wear a mask while they wait to be picked up in the designated quarantine area. If you are more comfortable with your child wearing a mask while attending our programs, you are encouraged to provide this PPE. Additionally, we have disposable masks on-site.

14. Will staff be required to wear masks?

As staff form part of the cohort, they are not required to wear masks. However, should people from outside of the cohort, such as Licensing or AHS, be in the program room, masks will be required for staff. If a child becomes sick at OOSC or Little Eagles, the staff member who is attending to the child in a designated space, and the parent/guardian picking up the sick child will be required to wear a mask. Any staff member who feels more comfortable wearing a mask is encouraged and welcomed to do so at any time.

15. Will program participants have the same access to bathrooms?

At this time, we are waiting for direction from Edgerton Public School to determine best practice in regards to shared access to the bathrooms. Once this information is confirmed, we will update parents/guardians with the updated bathroom routine.

16. Will children share supplies? What supplies do I need to provide?

No, children will not be sharing supplies. Hand sanitizer is provided, and accessible. Miss Amy has attached a program supply list to this document.

17. Will my child still be able to bring a snack/lunch?

Your child will still be able to bring a snack/lunch to the program. However, due to COVID-19, microwave/ hot lunches are not permitted at this time.

18. What is Handwriting Without Tears?

Handwriting Without Tears is a printing workbook that helps students identify and print letters, numbers, colours, and shapes in preparation for kindergarten. For more information, please view the following link:

<https://www.lwtears.com/get-know-us>

19. Is subsidy available this year?

Yes. Because our programs are Licensed, families can obtain subsidy for our programs. Subsidy varies depending on the age of the children enrolled in the program. Enrollment fees can also be used when filing income tax as a child care expense. Please follow this link for provincial subsidy information:

<https://www.alberta.ca/child-care-subsidy.aspx>

20. How can I pay my enrollment fees?

You can pay your enrollment fees with a cheque, cash, or e-transfer. If you would prefer to pay using e-transfer, please contact our Program Supervisor to make these arrangements. The Program Supervisor can be reached by email at the following email address: EaglesNestOOSC@gmail.com

