



COVID-19 Assumption of Risk & Permission Form

BY SIGNING THIS DOCUMENT, YOUR AND YOUR CHILD'S LEGAL RIGHTS MAY BE AFFECTED – PLEASE READ CAREFULLY.

Dr. Bonnie Henry stated on May 16, 2020 that “COVID-19 is new for all of us”. We at the Cowichan Valley Regional District (CVRD) responded to the direction from our public health officials to first 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.

COVID-19 remains a worldwide pandemic and a threat to our local health and safety. We know the following (this list is not intended to be exhaustive):

1. The infectious agent, SARS-CoV-2, has caused community transmission of a serious communicable and potentially fatal disease known as COVID-19 amongst the population of the Province of British Columbia;
2. Our public health officials have determined this constitutes a regional event as defined in section 51 of the *Public Health Act*;
3. A person infected with SARS-CoV-2 can infect other people with whom the infected person comes into contact with; and
4. The gathering of people in close contact with one another can promote the transmission of SARS-CoV-2 and increase the number of people who develop COVID-19.

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. Our COVID-19 Safety Plan and COVID-19 Policies and Procedures are available for your review at www.cvrld.bc.ca/3303/COVID-19-Recreation. 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. We do not employ health professionals to physically conduct screening, so it is important that you self-screen prior to visiting our facilities. 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. Again, you must conduct self-screening.

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 they will be in close proximity (i.e. use of playground equipment). Most or all activities will take place outdoors. If your preference is solely for outdoor activity, please select a program for your child that provides the same.

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

- experienced cold or flu-like symptoms within the last 14 days;
- been in close contact with anyone else who has had these symptoms in the last 14 days;
- travelled outside of Canada in the last 14 days; or
- been in close contact with anyone else who has travelled outside of Canada in the last 14 days.

By signing this form, you understand and agree to the following:

- I will screen my child and myself prior to attending the program and will report any illness or fever immediately to the Program Leader;
- I understand that my child and myself may be screened for illness prior to being signed in for the program each day;
- I understand that if my child is displaying symptoms of respiratory distress or illness, they will be asked not to participate;
- I understand that if my child or myself have become ill within 14 days of visiting one of our facilities and/or while taking part in one of our programs, it is vital that I report this immediately to staff and seek appropriate medical attention by first calling 8-1-1. (We will share personal information for the purposes of contact tracing if the need arises);
- I understand that drop off and pick up will take place only in the designated zone identified in the provided Parent Guidelines Handout;
- I understand that 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; and
- I agree to follow all guidelines set out in this form and understand that if I do not follow these guidelines I 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](#)

I/we have read, understand and agree to the Assumption of Risk and Permission Form.	INITIAL HERE
I/we have reviewed the Assumption of Risk and Permission Form with my/our child and have instructed our child to listen to and follow the instructions provided.	INITIAL HERE
I/we have read, understand and agree to the Parent Guidelines during COVID-19.	INITIAL HERE

Name of Child

Date

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Print name clearly

Print name clearly

Phone Number

Phone Number

Both parents/guardians (if applicable) must initial and sign this form. Thank you.