

New #19 Staff Guidelines

On August 31st, we will have two cohorts on the #19 Side – Bison/Fox and Owl/Panda. With this comes some new Guidelines.

Screening – Two people will be screening at all times; one from each cohort. When a child comes from the OwlBear cohort, the OwlBear staff will be in charge of taking them to their room. Screening will probably end at 10:00 now and we will be asking parents who drop off after that to phone upon arrival. The corresponding room will send a staff member to screen and pickup the child.

Masks will be mandatory on the University of Manitoba campus. We are recommending staff wear masks while screening. Medical masks are still not allowed on the floor.

Pick Up Time – At the moment, we are still going to run pickup time in the same fashion. If this does not work, we will again re-evaluate. At the end of the day, we will keep the children in the rooms, instead of taking them to the foyer as a group. Parents will be informed that they will have to make sure they have enough time to pickup before 5:15, or late fees will apply.

Physical Distance - The children of different cohorts cannot mix in the same space, either indoors or outdoors. We ask the staff to be more aware of keeping physical distance from each other, especially during breaks with people of a different cohort. Please do not go into another cohort's room. The only staff allowed to break cohorting rules are Dawn, Marlynn, Galyna and Dan, and only if necessary.

The Bunny Room is available for use as an additional staff room, but it also serves as an isolation room and space for non-nappers. As well, we can take non-nappers into the Gym on our Gym days, into the hall, or outside. If over half of a room's children are awake, they should take them back to their room.

Outside – The Bison Room children need some time in the backyard, so we are putting up a temporary fence to separate our playground into two. The Bison side will be accessible using the back fence and they will primarily only use their side. I will be working on a schedule that will allow the Foxes some time on the sandbox side.

After a week or so, we will evaluate and see if this is working or not and try to solve any issues. As well, if the university starts to work on landscaping the backyard, the remaining space will become one yard with the priority to the OwlBear cohort.

Gym – Gym time will continue to rotate daily between the two sides. We will have a schedule for our days, that will mostly keep it to one cohort for a block of time (to aid with cleaning and disinfecting).