

Visitors in Childcare & Education

This document is to support staff, students and parents with regards to non-essential special occasion visitors in childcare and school-based settings.

In special circumstances, non-essential visitors may be sought for events such as photography, performances, specialized classes (language, music) and celebrations. All visitors must adhere to current COVID-19 guidelines in [childcare](#) and [school](#) settings. Additionally, the following precautions should be followed by facility operators to ensure the visitation occurs in a safe manner and reduces the risk of COVID-19 transmission:

- Health screening and records: All visitors should be assessed at the point of entry using [Alberta's daily health checklist](#). Record information such as the visitor name, date and time of visitation, contact number or email and reason for visit. Store such records in a private and secure manner.
- Parental consent: Inform parents about any event involving non-essential visitors that their child may participate in.
- Health and hygiene: Encourage children/students to practice hand hygiene before and after the event, and between any major activity changes. Hand hygiene should also be practiced by visitors on a frequent basis.
- Disinfection: Clean and disinfect common contact surfaces and/or shared items before and after the event, or between their uses by different children/students. Ensure that an [approved disinfectant](#) is applied. Avoid using items that cannot be cleaned and disinfected.
- Physical distancing: Physical distancing or effective barriers between visitors and children/students must be maintained at all times. Event organizers are encouraged to find alternatives to scenarios involving group participation (such as group class photos) or close proximity to visitors (such as visits with Santa).
- Mask usage: Mask usage is required for all involved visitors throughout the event. Regular facility attendees must adhere to Alberta Health masking guidelines appropriate to their facility.

For more information, visit alberta.ca/covid19

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