



Oceanside BLT

COVID-19 Frequently Asked Questions – Sept 2021

Updated Provincial Health Orders supersede any information provided below.

Have a question?	We've got answers!
<p>There are so many policies and protocols for COVID-19!</p> <p>What do I really need to know before returning to OBLT programs?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Book through the OBLT calendar at www.oblt.ca/calendar. There are some drop in spaces available for early learning programs. • Do not attend if you or your child are unwell, showing symptoms of COVID-19 or have been told to self isolate or quarantine • Wearing masks indoors is mandatory; recommended for outdoor programming. Masks MUST cover the nose and mouth. • TLC participants must show proof of vaccination if attending the TLC classroom. • Handwashing and hand sanitizing to be done at a minimum upon entering and leaving the program • Maintain 6 ft physical distancing when possible • We do encourage you to read our Communicable Disease Protocols found on our website so you're aware of the protocols OBLT has in place to keep participants and staff/volunteers safe. • Participants must sign a waiver when attending in-person programs. • Please watch for updates on our website www.oblt.ca and our Facebook, Instagram and Twitter pages.
<p>Attending OBLT Programs</p>	
<p>Do I still have to register my child?</p>	<p>Yes – you will still need to complete a registration or annual update form as well as a Communicable Disease Assumption of Risk and Permission Form. These can be found on our website</p>
<p>What are you doing to make Munchkinland a safe environment?</p>	<p>We've implemented many things:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Booking system to ensure programs aren't overcrowded and for contact tracing • Enhanced outdoor space to encourage adults and their children to play outside • Anyone that is not well, will not be able to attend programs • Everyone will use hand sanitizer before entering the programs. • Handwashing and sanitizing stations available throughout facility
<p>I can't wear a mask due to a medical condition – can I still attend an OBLT program?</p>	<p>If you can't wear a mask for medical reasons, there are options:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If you wish to attend the TLC for tutoring, this can be done over Zoom.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If you wish to attend an early learning program, you must participate outside with your child(ren) and wear a mask when walking from the front door to the outside play area.
Does my child have to wear a mask?	This is your choice. Children are not required to wear a mask, however, if your child is over two years of age there is no problem if you would like them to wear one. If while attending, your child starts to display symptoms, please have a mask available for immediate use.
Will Stone Soup Kitchen still be providing snacks?	Unfortunately, we can not serve food like we used to. However, takeaway snacks will be offered on certain days. We encourage you to bring a snack for your child if needed, and to bring your own water bottle/coffee.
Do adults have to wear a mask even when we're outside?	No. Masks are only required for indoor activities.
Is the WOW Bus going to be operating this year?	<p>Absolutely! We will be focusing on outdoor play as we are with our other early learning programs.</p> <p>Please keep checking our website and Facebook pages for updates.</p>
Attending TLC	
Anyone needing help is encouraged to contact Brian, TLC Coordinator at tlc@sd69.bc.ca or call 250-947-8258.	
Are vaccines really mandated in TLC?	<p>Yes, we made the decision in an effort to keep our staff, volunteers and participants safe. We have an older demographic for participants and volunteers, and we listened to their concerns.</p> <p>Participants who are not vaccinated are welcome to sign up for online 1:1 tutoring as well as our workshops held on Zoom.</p>
I have a problem with using my iPad. Can I come to TLC?	<p>Yes – you must reserve a spot on-line at www.oblt.ca/calendar. If you are well and wear a mask, we look forward to helping you!</p> <p>If you can't come in to TLC but have a question, please email tlc@sd69.bc.ca and someone will be happy to help you.</p>
Will the BLT2Go bus be operating?	The bus will not be operating, but starting Oct 7, 2021 we will be visiting Qualicum Beach on a weekly basis. Stay tuned!
Will the classroom be full?	No. We've limited each session to enable the workstations to be well spaced out.
OBLT and COVID-19	
<p>There are so many terms around self isolation!</p> <p>What is the difference between self monitoring,</p>	<p>Self Monitoring means you should be monitoring your health and the health of your children for symptoms such as fever, cough or difficulty breathing. Individuals who are self-monitoring are allowed to attend work and school and take part in regular activities.</p> <p>http://www.bccdc.ca/health-info/diseases-conditions/covid-19/self-isolation</p>

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<p>quarantining and isolating?</p> <p>Source: www.bccdc.ca</p>	<p>Quarantine (self-isolate) for 14 days if you have no symptoms and any of the following apply: you are returning from travel outside of Canada (mandatory quarantine), you had close contact with someone who has or is suspected to have COVID-19, or you have been told by the public health authority that you may have been exposed and need to quarantine.</p> <p>You must isolate if any of the following apply: you have been diagnosed with COVID-19 or are waiting to hear the results of a lab test for COVID-19, you have symptoms of COVID-19, even if mild, you have been told by public health that you may have been exposed to COVID-19, or you have returned from travel outside Canada with symptoms of COVID-19 (mandatory).</p>
<p>I can't tell if my child has a cold or COVID-19. What should I do?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If a parent, caregiver or staff member is unsure if they or a child should self-isolate, they should be directed to use the BC COVID-19 Self-Assessment Tool, contact 8-1-1 or the local public health unit. They can also be advised to contact a family physician or nurse practitioner to be assessed for COVID-19 and other respiratory diseases.
<p>What if there is an Outbreak at OBLT?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> OBLT will follow the guidance of the local Provincial Health Officer in the event of an outbreak. Updates will be posted on OBLT's website and social media to advise when programs resume
<p>I had COVID-19 and am symptom free – can I return to OBLT programs?</p>	<p>Follow up testing might not always an option. When in doubt, check with HealthLink BC at 811 or your healthcare provider for advice.</p>
<p>Are staff trained in COVID-19 protocols?</p>	<p>Yes – all staff and volunteers have been trained in communicable disease protocols including how to disinfect surfaces.</p>
<p>Getting Information on COVID-19</p>	
<p>Parenting is made even more difficult during COVID-19! What can I do?</p>	<p>BC Centre for Disease Control has a great page with links to mental health resources for adults, children, teens, health care workers, etc.</p> <p>http://www.bccdc.ca/health-info/diseases-conditions/covid-19/about-covid-19/mental-well-being-during-covid-19</p>
<p>There are a lot of different news sources out there – where is a reliable source of information?</p>	<p>The BC Centre for Disease Control has a wide variety of topics and up to date information. We encourage everyone to use trusted, verified sites to get their information.</p> <p>http://www.bccdc.ca/health-info/diseases-conditions/covid-19</p>

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