

**Pleasant Heights After School Association (PHAS)**  
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Dear parents,

Following the most up to date guidance from the Government of Alberta for childcare programs, several safety policies are in effect for the duration of the 2021 PHAS summer program:

**Summer Program Cleaning Policy:** Staff will continue to implement enhanced cleaning measures put in place during the 2020-2021 school year. These measures include frequent cleaning of indoor and outdoor spaces, disinfecting high touch areas and limiting sharing of supplies and toys.

**Summer Program Mask Policy:** Since children under the age of 12 are not able to be vaccinated at this time, they will be required to continue to wear masks while indoors. Children can remove their masks outdoors if they respect social distancing guidelines. Children who do not respect social distancing guidelines will be required to wear their masks outdoors until they are able to comply.

**Summer Program Sunscreen Policy:** PHAS does not supply sunscreen and staff are not permitted to apply sunscreen on children. Please provide your child with sunscreen every day and instruct them on the proper application of sunscreen.

**Summer Program Pool Policy:** Children are grouped together based on their swimming skill level. Due to safety regulations and staffing numbers, children in our care are not allowed to wear life jackets to access deeper ends of the pool or join a higher-level skill group. As their skills in the pool develop, children are given the opportunity to complete swim tests to determine if they can stay safe in deeper water. These tests include:

- If a child wants to go into the shallow part of the deeper end of the pool, they must be able to demonstrate that they can swim between the 2 ladders in the shallow end without putting their feet on the bottom of the pool.
- If a child wants to swim in the deepest end of the pool, they must be able to demonstrate their ability to swim 4 widths of the pool and tread water for 3 minutes before they will be given access to the deep end.
- NOTE: we do not have enough staff to provide one-on-one supervision for each child in the pool. Staff will work with the groups to assist them in gaining the necessary skills to keep them safe in the pool and complete the swim tests when they are ready.

Should you have any concerns regarding any of these policies, please feel free to contact me.

Regards,

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