

# Coronavirus (COVID-19)

## INFORMATION BULLETIN, NOVEMBER 12, 2020

### FOR NON-SUBSIDIZED DAYCARE CENTRES

#### 1. Impacts of the pandemic on non-subsidized daycare centres

During the first wave, the Government of Québec compensated non-subsidized daycare centres (NSDs) on an exceptional basis, to the tune of \$68 million. It is currently supplying your employees with masks and visors. However, the Government is aware that the second wave also has impacts on your businesses. In collaboration with the Association des garderies non subventionnées en installation and the Coalition des garderies privées non subventionnées du Québec, the Ministère de la Famille (MFA) has therefore begun work to assess the pandemic's impact on the financial situation of NSDs. It has hired the firm Raymond Chabot Grant Thornton (RCGT) to produce a portrait of the financial consequences of the pandemic for NSDs.

To paint a realistic portrait, 701 NSDs will be asked to complete a survey. They will be chosen so as to represent a variety of situations in terms of certain NSD characteristics, such as geographic location, size and occupancy rate prior to the pandemic. This method was adopted to reduce processing times and obtain a portrait of the situation as quickly as possible.

Information will be collected from November 16 to 27. The randomly selected NSDs will receive an email from RCGT explaining the process and mentioning the support available to help them complete the questionnaire properly.

We wish to assure you that the information you provide in the context of this project will remain strictly confidential and will not be used for any other purpose. RCGT will compile the answers to produce a depersonalized (anonymized) summary.

Your collaboration is important and will make a difference!

#### 2. Transparent masks: reminder and complementary information to that issued in September

The use of transparent masks is permitted in educational childcare establishments, but each childcare facility must assess its needs and purchase them from its own budget.

Such masks may be used without restriction if they are compliant with the testing requirements defined in standard ASTM F2100. That said, these masks are difficult to access. Transparent masks that do not meet this standard are easier to obtain, notably, Clearmark masks. The CNESST recommends, however, that these masks be used in combination with eye protection (safety goggles or a visor) and solely and exceptionally with children who require it, namely:

- children with a sensory deficit (auditory or visual) or a language disorder: not being able to see a staff member's entire face hinders their ability to communicate (lip read) and understand;
- children with an intellectual disability or an autism spectrum disorder: not being able to see a staff member's entire face may destabilize them because they cannot recognize the person.

Transparent masks may be considered necessary material listed in a child's intervention plan. Educational childcare establishments that have additional funds available, such as the Allowance for Integration of a Disabled Child, may use this money to cover the cost of these masks. The budget announced for costs related to COVID-19 may also be used to purchase these materials.

### **3. Operation "Jetravaille"**

Please note that the period for registering for the "**Jetravaille**" job board has been extended by one week to allow as many educational childcare facilities as possible to finalize their registration. This gives you until Friday, November 20, to add your job offers. All requests submitted by no later than November 20 will be recorded in the context of this operation, even if they are still being processed by Service Québec and have not yet been posted on the platform.

The results of this major operation have been encouraging to date, in the context of the MFA's planned actions to support the network during this period of labour shortages.

*The Information Bulletin from the ministère de la Famille is a publication that provides periodic information updates for educational childcare providers during the pandemic. Be sure to always consult the latest version of the Bulletin because the information on a given topic will most likely be updated as the situation evolves.*

If you do not find the answers to your questions, please call the Centre des services à la clientèle et des plaintes of the MFA at the toll-free number 1-855-336-8568, between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday.