

Coronavirus (COVID-19)

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FOR EDUCATIONAL CHILDCARE PROVIDERS

1. Window masks and procedure masks

As announced a few weeks ago, the Ministère de la Famille (the “Ministère”) took steps to ensure that all educational childcare establishments (SGEEs) were provided with window masks and that these masks were made available for all educator staff, including home childcare providers (HCPs).

Procurement falls under the responsibility of the Centre d’acquisitions gouvernementales, which launched a call for tenders, by invitation, in February 2021 in order to obtain a sufficient number of window masks for one month. This first tendering process has ended, and the window masks should be distributed in the coming weeks.

At the same time, a public call for tenders was published to allow procurement until July/August. It is scheduled to end on March 19, 2021.

Pending distribution of the window masks, procedure masks will be delivered this week to all educational childcare establishments.

2. MC9501 masks

The Ministère is aware of the challenges posed by having to store these masks, but even so, they must be put aside, and you are asked to wait for instructions before disposing of them.

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3. Distribution of the masks by the coordinating offices (COs)

The advisory committee of the COs met yesterday, March 16, 2021. The Ministère recommended taking note of the good practices of certain COs regarding the distribution of masks to their HCPs to facilitate their access to this equipment. The aim is simple: disseminate these practices to give ideas to other COs facing the same challenges.

Some COs distribute quantities for a period of more than one month or mail packages out to the more remote HCPs. Others take advantage of compliance visits to make a delivery. Still others have paired up with a childcare centre (CPE), a public library, etc. In all cases, it appears that the success of this operation stems from good communication between the COs and the HCPs.

If you would like to share a good practice with us so that we can publish it, we strongly recommend that you write us at the following address: partenariat.servicesdegarde@mfa.gouv.qc.ca

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If you do not find the answers to your questions on these websites, please call the Ministry's Direction de l'amélioration des services à la clientèle et de la gestion des plaintes at the toll-free number 1-855-336-8568 between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday.