

INFORMATION BULLETIN

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FOR EDUCATIONAL CHILDCARE PROVIDERS

1- Vaccination for staff of educational childcare services

At Health Minister Christian Dubé's April 7 news conference, it was announced that staff of educational childcare services (SGEE) on **the Island of Montréal** are invited to get vaccinated.

Starting Friday, April 9, persons in Category 9, namely, essential workers whose place of employment is on the Island of Montréal, can make an appointment on the ClicSanté.ca site in the section provided for this purpose. The vaccination time slots for this group will be available starting on Monday, April 12. All staff of an SGEE operating on the Island of Montréal can register starting on April 9 at an Island of Montréal vaccination site. Where persons concerned must be absent from work to get vaccinated, the provisions of the work contract, collective bargaining agreement or collective agreement in force apply.

This group thus includes all staff of an SGEE regardless of status (educator, home childcare provider, specialized educator, educator assistant, manager, attendant, administrative assistant, etc.).

Certain directives must be respected: staff must bring to their appointment proof of employment. This proof of employment must allow for validation of the employer's name, work address and type of occupation.

For home childcare providers, a letter from your coordinating office confirming your status and the number of places at your facility will serve as proof of employment.

For more information, we invite you to consult the [Communiqué du MSSS](#).

This is excellent news for the staff of Island of Montréal educational childcare centres. For the rest of Québec, vaccination start dates for essential workers will be announced shortly.

2- Continuous wearing of medical mask

In the face of the threat posed by COVID-19 variants, which are much more contagious, the Commission des normes, de l'équité, de la santé et de la sécurité du travail [committee on standards, equity, health and safety at work] (CNESST) requires the continuous wearing of a medical mask inside work environments. This requirement applies across Québec starting on Thursday, April 8.

The CNESST encourages maximum caution in work environments. Thus, continuous wearing of a medical mask or a mask certified by the Bureau de normalisation du Québec [Québec standards organization] (BNQ) becomes an additional measure to respect indoors to limit the spread of the virus and its variants, in addition to physical distancing and physical barriers.

For outdoors work, wearing a medical mask or a BNQ-certified mask is required if interactions within 2 metres may occur.

This new measure is added to the compulsory measures already in place concerning the wearing of personal protection equipment.

The Information Bulletin 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 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.