

# INFORMATION BULLETIN

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## FOR EDUCATIONAL CHILDCARE PROVIDERS

### 1- Priority vaccination across Québec

All childcare workers constitute a vaccination priority group across Québec.

To register for a vaccination appointment, you are invited to read the **instructions** for Group 9 (persons who providing essential services and in contact with users). To help with the smooth running of the vaccination operation, please note that proof of employment will be required at your appointment. If you are a home childcare provider (HCP), you can present the letter confirming your recognition and the number of assigned places. For HCP staff members (for example, assistant/replacement), valid proof of employment will also be required. This proof can be a pay stub.

### 2- Vaccination of home childcare providers and use of the ten (10) days of closure for a reason related to COVID-19

If an HCP must temporarily close for any reason related to the vaccination operation, it can draw on its ten (10) days of closure following the procedure already in place. This constitutes an easing of the initial application.

HCPs must complete the **new form** available on the ministry's website.

Whether or not the parental contribution must be paid depends on the services agreement reached between the parent and the HCP. We ask the coordinating offices (COs) for their usual cooperation in forwarding this bulletin and the closure declaration form to the HCPs.

### 3-Maintaining of educational quality evaluations

In a message sent on April 13, we indicated that full inspections in areas where special emergency measures have been invoked by the Direction générale de la santé publique (public health authority) would be postponed for an indefinite period.

However, educational quality evaluations are continuing in all regions, but with easing measures in effect (in this regard, see the November 18, 2020 bulletin). We remind you that Servirplus has implemented a work protocol based on the recommendations of the public health authority. All employees are to comply with all health measures in place (mask wearing, distancing, hand washing, disinfecting surfaces, watching for signs/symptoms, etc.). We repeat that it is important to respect all these health measures at all times.

#### **4-Compliance visit by the COs in areas where special emergency measures have been invoked**

We remind you that the COs must plan their operations applying the public health authority's directives as they see fit, in accordance with their obligation and mandate. In this context, if the compliance visits cannot be conducted, the CO must clearly indicate this in the HCP's file, fully explaining the reasons why, in advance of an inspection by the CO.

#### **5- Collecting of MC9501 masks – clarification for HCPs**

Pursuant to the April 9 information bulletin, owing to the number of HCPs in the network, these facilities are asked to return MC-9501 masks directly to their CO so that the office can return the cases of masks to the mailing address already provided. This can be done, for example, at the time of the next delivery of masks by the COs. The CO can be reimbursed for shipping costs following the procedure provided for. An erratum concerning the email address to use for sending invoices was issued on April 13. Invoices can be sent to: [\\_Boite.MFA065@MFA.GOUV.QC.CA](mailto:_Boite.MFA065@MFA.GOUV.QC.CA)

This returns process concerns strictly boxes of model MC-9501 masks. At a later date, you will receive instructions for model SNN200642 masks.

#### **6- Requirement to wear a medical mask in the work environment**

On April 7, we gave you information regarding the requirement of the Commission des normes, de l'équité, de la santé et de la sécurité du travail (labour standards, pay equity and workplace health and safety board) (CNESST) to wear a medical mask continuously inside work environments. This requirement has applied across Québec since April 8.

Pursuant to questions received on the scope of this requirement in home childcare services, certain points call for clarification. All workers must wear the mask continuously inside the work environment to protect health and safety. The public health authority recommends that all persons on the premises of a home childcare facility must also wear a mask when in the rooms of the work environment, meaning all rooms to which the children have access.

#### **7- Washable ATEs masks**

Some of you have asked the Ministry about the compliance of the ATEs washable masks. After consultation with the CNESST, GB 3107 masks meet the performance criteria of the ASTM F2100 standard and can be used in the work environment ([10 MASQUES LAVABLES HAUTE PERFORMANCE 5 COUCHES PROTECTRICES | Ates Médical \(atesmed.com\)](#)).

Because the performance of these masks is maintained when conditions of use are respected, an employer wanting to use these masks must provide sufficient guidance to ensure procedural compliance (maintenance methods and number of reuses). Because the government of Québec supplies procedural masks as well as window masks, its information is provided to you for informational purposes only.

*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.