

INFORMATION BULLETIN

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TO EDUCATIONAL CHILDCARE PROVIDERS

1. Easing of instructions from the Direction de la Santé publique with the approach of summer

The summer period poses an organizational challenge. The Direction générale de la santé publique (DGSP) has eased management of bubble groups to make taking holidays easier for staff and to avoid any possible interruptions in service. Consequently, up to no more than three groups can now be combined to create temporary new bubbles during the vacation period. It is important to maintain some stability in combining groups to reduce the risk of outbreaks as much as possible. A record of the people (children and staff) making up these new temporary bubbles must be kept to facilitate tracing.

In addition, like last year, the arrival and end-of-day periods can be spent outside, weather permitting and if the space is suitable. In some situations, a larger room may be used for both these two periods. Whenever possible, preference will be given to the stability of the staff starting the day, who will be assigned to one or more groups.

Moreover, staggered hours for arrivals and departures can be agreed upon with parents who have a somewhat flexible work schedule to avoid excessive activity during these peak periods. With the collaboration of parents and staff, management personnel may determine the best solutions to facilitate management of groups in compliance with applicable public health measures.

Public parks and fountains

During outdoor activities (outings to public parks and splash pads, for instance), maintain bubble groups (and temporary bubble groups made up of two or three bubble groups) as much as possible, alternating the times of the outings as needed.

2. Reminder concerning the wearing of PPE in green and yellow zones

As mentioned in the Information Bulletin dated June 8, 2021, protective eyewear is now optional for staff. Wearing a mask is still mandatory if the two-metre distancing cannot be respected. These instructions apply both indoors and outdoors, and in the green and yellow zones.

3. Complete vaccination and isolation

The increase in vaccination among childcare staff raises some questions about whether or not 14 days of isolation is required for those who have received two doses of the COVID-19 vaccine. The DGSP has confirmed that the current guideline applies as is, even for such childcare staff. Therefore, home childcare providers (HCP) and educational childcare facilities staff who have received two doses of vaccine must continue to self-isolate for 14 days if they come into contact with someone with COVID-19.

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 Direction de l'amélioration des services à la clientèle et de la gestion des plaintes of the ministère de la Famille at the toll-free number 1-855-336-8568 between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday.