

INFORMATION BULLETIN

November 9, 2022

TO EDUCATIONAL CHILDCARE PROVIDERS

New approach to the prevention of COVID-19 and other respiratory viruses

On November 3 last, Dr. Luc Boileau presented the Public Health Department's recommended new approach to the prevention of infectious respiratory diseases. As well as being vaccinated for COVID-19 and other respiratory diseases, the following protective steps are recommended for the general public:

- Stay at home if you have a fever.
- Wear a mask if you have a cough, sore throat or stuffy nose.
- Avoid contact with vulnerable people (e.g. seniors, immunocompromised individuals and those with health problems) until your symptoms disappear.

For additional information, see the [Press Release](#) published by the Ministère de la Santé et des Services sociaux (MSSS).

Key messages for childcare providers

The compulsory five-day self-isolation period for COVID-19 has also been removed for childcare staff and children receiving childcare. The following recommendations now apply:

- Stay at home if you have a fever.
- If you have symptoms (but no fever): You may return to the childcare facility. For adults, masks are recommended but are not compulsory. However, educators are invited to wear masks when taking care of sick children.

The MSSS is currently preparing a checklist. You will be notified when this additional information is available.

Distribution of masks

Childcare providers needing procedural masks should ask their coordinating office if it has masks in stock – some still have large quantities available. If your coordinating office does not have masks in stock, you may place an order by contacting the family service advisor.

The Information Bulletin is a publication that provides periodic information updates for educational childcare providers during the pandemic. Be sure always to 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 have not found the answers to your questions, please call the Ministère's Centre de relation avec la clientèle by calling 1 855-336-8568 (toll-free), between 8.30 a.m. and 4.30 p.m., Monday to Friday.