

Coronavirus (COVID-19)

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FOR EDUCATIONAL CHILDCARE SERVICE PROVIDERS

1. Maintaining educational childcare services

Educational childcare services remain open and must accommodate children according to their usual schedule. Existing health measures remain in place and must be rigorously applied.

In line with the Premier's message, parents are encouraged to keep their children at home whenever it is possible to do so. However, since it remains the parents who decide whether or not their child attends a childcare facility, they will have to pay the usual costs, whether their child attends or not.

Please keep in mind that the only reasons the childcare facility management may invoke for excluding a child, other than no remaining capacity for accommodating children or an isolation order by the public health authorities, are that the child is showing one or more symptoms of COVID-19, has received (or a person in their home has received) a positive COVID-19 diagnosis, or has travelled outside of Canada in the last 14 days.

2. Reminder – Provincial monitoring of absenteeism for a syndrome compatible with COVID-19 in a childcare facility of the Ministère de la Santé et des Services sociaux (MSSS)

In the context of the pandemic, the MSSS has asked childcare facilities to complete a daily absenteeism survey. Your responses contribute greatly to the success of the provincial monitoring of COVID-19 and enable the early detection of COVID-19 outbreaks in childcare facilities.

We would like to remind you, therefore, that your participation and diligence in this matter are essential for public health.

3. Ministère de la Famille is continuing to monitor COVID-19 cases

The Ministère is asking educational childcare facilities to promptly report any positive cases and any actual or potential outbreak situations, i.e., while test results are pending. This information will help the Ministère to monitor the situation closely and answer questions it receives on the matter. Please forward the information to the Centre des services à la clientèle et des plaintes (see their contact information at the bottom of this information bulletin).

4. Personal protective equipment – medical masks

The medical masks that have been delivered in bulk to home childcare coordinating offices (*bureaux coordonnateurs*) since December 14, 2020, to cover activities in January 2021 are compliant.

These are models T1001, SNN200642 and HSC-HB-DMM. Other models, available from different suppliers, also meet the minimum health standards associated with ASTM-F2100 certification or its equivalent. For more information, please refer to the answer to question 31 in the [Questions and Answers – COVID-19](#) on the Commission des normes, de l'équité, de la santé et de la sécurité du travail (CNESST) website.

Please, be assured that the Ministère will ensure that all educational childcare facilities have enough medical masks for the next few months, starting with the next scheduled delivery in January 2021.

The procedures for the non-compliant masks will be communicated shortly.

Useful Information

We invite you to learn more about the details and procedures concerning [the use of emergency school daycare services](#) that childcare staff can access.

Furthermore, in December 2020, the Québec immunization committee published a list of priority groups for vaccination. For more information, please read the latest [government vaccination guidelines](#).

The Information Bulletin from the Ministère de la Famille 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, please call the Centre des services à la clientèle et des plaintes du Ministère at the toll-free number 1-855-336-8568, between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday.