

INFORMATION BULLETIN

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TO EDUCATIONAL CHILDCARE PROVIDERS

Mandatory mask-wearing mandate to be lifted as of 14 May

The public health department announced last week that as of 14 May 2022, it will no longer be mandatory to wear a mask or face covering in public settings. As of that date, wearing a mask or face covering will be optional. However, wearing a mask will continue to be mandatory in public transportation, in hospital settings and for people who are isolating because of COVID-19.

Further to this announcement, the CNESST announced that it will no longer be mandatory to wear a quality mask in certain workplace settings. As of 14 May, staff working at educational childcare centres will no longer be required to wear a mask. An employer may, however, establish health rules, including wearing a mask, depending on the environment and the risks. Staff members who wish to keep wearing a mask after that date may do so. For more information on these adjustments to the health measures, see the attached [communiqué](#) from the CNESST.

Distribution of masks

The final delivery of masks is underway and will be completed at the beginning of May 2022 based on the needs indicated by the various home childcare coordinating offices.

After 14 May 2022, the number of masks available in the network (on average the equivalent of six weeks of mandatory mask wearing) will make it possible to meet the voluntary mask wearing needs. This will also offer flexibility should the public health department issue new guidelines given the epidemiological situation.

After the delivery for the month of May, the next deliveries will be reserved for those who, on a voluntary basis, request them, in particular for employers with employees who wish to continue wearing a mask.

Regarding surplus masks (exceeding six weeks of supplies), the procedure to follow will be sent to you in an upcoming communication. In the meantime, please note that it is forbidden to throw away or sell your surplus as these are public assets.

Update on the health measures

The relaxing of pandemic management measures, in particular the upcoming end of mandatory mask wearing in the workplace settings, raises various questions. Please see the document [Ajustements des mesures sanitaires en milieu de travail \(hors milieu de soins\)](#) from the CNESST for more information on the current measures and the upcoming changes that take effect on 14 May 2022. As mentioned previously, the CNESST will update its documentation and a new generic guide for the workplace will be available shortly.

The [isolation guidelines](#) will continue to apply until further notice.

Since the measures change regularly, for any information on the measures in effect, refer to the page [Educational childcare services in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic](#).

This 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, please call the Centre de la relation avec la clientèle of the MFA at the toll-free number 1-855-336-8568, between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday.