

INFORMATION BULLETIN

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FOR EDUCATIONAL CHILDCARE PROVIDERS

1- Reminder of the importance of continuing to follow health directives

Given the increasing circulation of COVID-19 variants currently being witnessed, it is important to continue following strict prevention measures in all childcare facilities. Keep minimizing the number, frequency, and duration of contacts, as well as ensuring physical distancing of two metres between adults and between group bubbles, hand hygiene, the wearing of personal protective equipment (PPE) by staff and of face coverings by parents, and the cleaning and disinfecting of surfaces and spaces.

Respecting group bubbles

It is important to keep children in the same group bubbles and to ensure, whenever possible, that the group bubbles are not in contact with each other. An educator should always be with the same group of children and should not move from one group to another. During arrival and departure times, if it is impossible to maintain the group bubbles, two group bubbles and their educators can form one larger group. This larger group should always be the same, and ideally, should not include more than 15 children.

Wearing personal protective equipment

Medical procedure masks and eye protection (goggles or masks with visor attachments) must be worn by staff members whenever it is impossible to respect the two-metre distance rule between them and the children or between them and other adults, both inside and outside the childcare facility. This also applies during breaks and in the staff room.

Ventilating rooms

Childcare facilities must ensure that their mechanical ventilation systems are operating if they have such systems, or that they simply open windows for at least 15 minutes three times a day (ideally in the morning, at noon, and at the end of the day).

Limited parent entry and wearing of masks or face coverings by all visitors

Parents' entry into the childcare facility must be limited to certain rooms or areas (such as the cloakrooms) and must be as short as possible, i.e. a maximum of 10 minutes. Parents and visitors must wear a procedure mask or face covering at all times.

Cleaning and disinfecting

It is recommended that objects and surfaces frequently touched by staff and children, such as tables and door handles, be cleaned and disinfected at least once every work shift, or more frequently, depending on the amount of traffic in the areas concerned. Whenever possible, keep the same toys within the same group bubbles to limit the number of disinfection operations to once a day.

For more details on the different measures in force, please refer to the following documents (in French only):

- INSPQ, *Services de garde en installation : mesures de prévention de la COVID-19 en milieu de travail* : <https://www.inspq.qc.ca/publications/2984-travailleuses-services-garde-covid19>
- CNESST, *Guide de normes sanitaires en milieu de travail pour les services de garde – COVID-19* : <https://www.cnesst.gouv.qc.ca/sites/default/files/documents/dc100-2154-guide-servicegarde.pdf>
- CNESST, *Guide de normes sanitaires pour les services de garde en milieu familial – COVID-19* : <https://www.cnesst.gouv.qc.ca/sites/default/files/documents/dc100-2155-guide-servicegardefamilial.pdf>

2- English-only inscriptions on boxes of T1001 medical masks

The Ministère has been informed that some boxes of T1001 medical masks have English-only inscriptions. Please read the attached notice, prepared by the Centre d'acquisition gouvernemental (CAG): *AVIS_Clientele_Langue_francaise.pdf*. The CAG distributed these boxes in the past few weeks, specifically, in the March 15 delivery.

Information in French must be provided to all childcare facilities. This means that the boxes must be accompanied by the information included here in the second attachment to this Bulletin: *FRANCAIS_Boîte de 50_Masque de procédure.pdf*

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.