

INFORMATION BULLETIN

June 4, 2021

TO EDUCATIONAL CHILDCARE PROVIDERS

1. Public health instructions unchanged

The Ministère would like to remind you that the Direction générale de la santé publique (DGSP) has confirmed that there is no change in public health instructions for childcare services at the present time. This means, for instance, maintaining the concept of group bubbles, as practised for the past number of months. Employers are responsible for providing environments where the health and safety of the staff and children are assured, in compliance with instructions from the DGSP and the CNESST.

The Ministère is constantly in contact with the DGSP and will inform the network of any easing in instructions that could make everyday life easier for educational childcare establishments over the next few weeks.

<https://www.quebec.ca/en/family-and-support-for-individuals/services-de-garde-educatifs-a-lenfance-dans-le-contexte-de-la-covid-19>

INSPQ reference, Services de garde en installation : mesures de prévention de la COVID-19 en milieu de travail: <https://www.inspq.qc.ca/sites/default/files/covid/2984-travailleuses-services-garde-covid19.pdf>)

CNESST reference: <https://www.cnesst.gouv.qc.ca/en/prevention-and-safety/covid-19/covid-19-toolkit>

2. Administrative relief regarding the submission of the 2020-2021 annual financial report

The Ministère understands that childcare services and auditors will find it hard to meet the June 30, 2021 deadline given the pandemic's impact on day-to-day activities in childcare services. However, the Ministère must keep the submission date as June 30 although administrative relief has been announced for educational childcare services unable to comply with the prescribed date. In this regard, the application of the administrative measures provided for in the budget rules for fiscal year 2020-2021 has been postponed for three months.

3. Group insurance

As mentioned in the Information Bulletin issued on March 22, 2020, the exceptional situation surrounding COVID-19 can raise a variety of concerns for employees. These concerns may translate into a need for support from health care professionals for staff members or managers. A number of resources are at your disposal so that you can continue to look after your well-being and that of your loved ones.

Staff covered by the Group Insurance Plan for the staff of childcare centres (CPEs) and subsidized daycare centres (Plan)

Staff participating in the Plan may have access to the professional care of a psychologist or a social worker accredited by a professional association. Please refer to the Customer Service department of Desjardins Insurance for any additional information concerning mental health care at: 1-855-838-2585 (toll-free).

Staff not covered by the Plan

In some liability policies for childcare establishments, psychological care may also be included. The managers of childcare services are encouraged to look into this matter and inform employees accordingly.

In all cases, the staff may refer to:

Québec: **Service Info-Social** by calling 811 to speak with a professional psychosocial intervention specialist.

Canada: **Wellness Together Canada** for a free consultation by calling 1-866-585-0445.

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 MFA at the toll-free number 1-855-336-8568 between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday.