

COVID-19 Enhanced Health and Safety Protocols for Licensed Child Care Centres

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Highlights of Changes

- Revised cohort size to maximum group sizes set out under the *Child Care and Early Years Act, 2014 (CCEYA),* as of September 1, 2020 (see section: General Requirements).
- Revised Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) requirement for adults in child care centre (see section: General Requirements).
- Revised guidance around the use of masks to specify that all children in grade 4 and above
 are required to wear a non-medical or cloth mask as per provincial guidance. Peel Public
 Health also strongly recommends that child care centres consider making masks required
 for children grades 1 to 3, and that kindergarten children be strongly recommended to wear
 masks while inside the child care premises (see section: General Requirements).

<u>Note</u>: If the child care program is located inside a school, child care providers must follow individual school board direction as per the mandatory use of non-medical masks for children.

- Revised guidance for on-site temperature checks as part of the daily active screening requirement (see section: Daily Active Screening for COVID-19 of Persons Entering Child Care Centres policy).
- Revised guidance on proof of negative COVID-19 test and medical notes (see section: Daily Active Screening for COVID-19 of Persons Entering Child Care Centres policy).
- Revised guidance on when to report a failed active screening to Peel Public Health (see section: Daily Active Screening for COVID-19 of Persons Entering Child Care Centres policy).
- Revised guidance around reporting a serious occurrence related to COVID-19 (see section: Outbreak Management for COVID-19 Related Symptoms policy).
- Additional guidance to allow students completing post-secondary educational placements in child care settings (see section: General Requirements).
- Removed the use of blankets or cloths over clothing when holding infants and toddlers (see section: General Sanitary Precautions and Physical Distancing Measures policy).
- Additional guidance for child care centres and Before and After School Programs located within schools (see Appendices A and B).
- Additional guidance for community-based child care centres operating before and after school programs (see Appendix C).



Introduction

This document outlines the enhanced health and safety measures that licensed child care centres are required to implement, and conduct staff training on, <u>prior to reopening</u> to prevent and reduce the spread of COVID-19.

These protocols are based on:

- The Ontario Ministry of Health COVID-19 Guidance: Emergency Child Care Centres v.2

 May 8, 2020
- The Ontario Ministry of Education <u>Operational Guidance During COVID-19 Outbreak:</u> Child Care Re-Opening Version 3 – August 2020
- The Ontario Ministry of Education Before and After School Programs Kindergarten Grade 6: Policies and Guidelines for School Boards for the 2020-2021 School Year
- The Public Services Health and Safety Association <u>Health and Safety Guidance for Employers of Child Care Centres</u>
- Peel Public Health <u>resources</u>. Translated resources are also <u>available</u>.

This document outlines the three types of mandatory protocols for licensed child care centres:

- Daily Active Screening for COVID-19
- General Sanitary Precautions and Physical Distancing Measures
- Outbreak Management for COVID-19 Related Symptoms

Accompanying these protocols are the following forms/resources:

- COVID-19 Active Screening Form for Staff
- COVID-19 Active Screening Form for Households (weekly and monthly format)
- COVID-19 Active Screening Form for Essential Visitors and Vendors
- COVID-19 Re-Entry Screening Form for Previously III Individuals
- Parent/Guardian COVID-19 Screening Agreement
- Disinfection Chart for Child Care Centres
- Additional Information for Child Care Centres and Before and After School Programs Located within Schools
- Communication Protocols Between School Boards and School-Based Child Care Providers for a Probable or Confirmed Case of COVID-19
- Additional Information for Community-Based Child Care Centres Operating Before and After School Programs
- Active Screening Poster
- Hand Washing and Use of Personal Protective Equipment Posters
- Peel Public Health Contact Information

Resources including posters for hand washing and mask use are also available on <u>Peel Public Health's website</u>.



General Requirements

As of September 1st, 2020, the Ministry of Education has allowed licensed child care centres to return to maximum group sizes as set out under the *Child Care and Early Years Act*, 2014 (CCEYA) (i.e. licensed age groups prior to the COVID-19 outbreak).

Each group should stay together throughout the day and should not mix with other groups, as much as possible.

Staff and students are not included in the maximum group size but should be assigned to a specific group where possible.

Maximum group size rules do not apply to Special Needs Resource staff on site.

Children are permitted to attend on a part time basis, and as with children attending full time, should be included in one group and should not mix with other groups.

As of September 1st, 2020, all adults in a child care setting (i.e. staff, students, essential visitors) are required to wear medical masks (i.e. surgical/procedural masks) and eye protection (e.g. face shield, goggles or wrap-around safety glasses) while inside the child care premises, including the hallways.

All children in grades 4 and above are required to wear a non-medical mask while inside the child care premises including the hallways. Peel Public Health also strongly recommends that child care centres consider making masks required for children grades 1 to 3, and that kindergarten children be strongly recommended to wear masks while inside the child care premises. For more information on mask use, see the **Disposable Gloves**, **Masks and Eye Protection** section under the **General Sanitary Precautions and Physical Distancing Measures to Prevent the Spread of COVID-19 for Licensed Child Care Centres** policy.

<u>Note</u>: If the child care program is located inside a school, child care providers must follow individual school board direction as per the mandatory use of non-medical masks for children.

There should be no volunteers or non-essential visitors at the program. Students completing post-secondary educational placements will be permitted to enter child care settings. Students will also be subject to the same health and safety protocols as other staff members such as screening, and the use of personal protective equipment when on the child care premises, and must also review the health and safety protocols.

Staff and students should work at only one location. Supervisors and/or designates should limit movement between rooms, doing so only when absolutely necessary. Supply/replacement staff should be assigned to a specific group to limit staff interaction with multiple groups of children.



Important Health Care Information to Have on Hand

Contact a health care provider, Telehealth Ontario at 1-866-797-0000 or Peel Public Health if you or another individual are experiencing symptoms of COVID-19. If symptoms change or worsen, the individual may need to seek medical attention. If the individual has any severe symptoms, such as difficulty breathing or chest pain, call 911.

Refer to Peel Public Health's website for information on symptoms, getting tested and self-isolation at https://www.peelregion.ca/coronavirus/. Peel Public Health can be reached at 905-799-7700, Caledon 905-584-2216. The Peel Public Health Call Centre is open 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday.

To report a positive COVID-19 case after hours or on the weekend, please contact Peel Public Health at 905-799-7700.



What is COVID-19?

COVID-19 is a new strain of coronavirus that are part of a large family of viruses that can cause symptoms similar to the common cold but can advance, in some cases, to severe respiratory illness or even death.

How the virus spreads:

COVID-19 typically spreads through:

- droplets from coughing and sneezing
- close prolonged personal contact with an infected person (e.g. being coughed or sneezed on or being within 2 meters for 15 minutes)
- touching an infected surface and then touching your mouth, nose or eyes

Common symptoms include:

- fever
- new or worsening cough
- shortness of breath

A range of other symptoms may include*:

- sore throat
- difficulty swallowing
- runny nose (without another known cause)
- nasal congestion (without another known cause)
- nausea or vomiting, diarrhea, abdominal pain
- unexplained fatigue/ malaise/ muscle aches
- headaches
- chills
- pink eye (conjunctivitis)
- new loss of sense of smell or taste
- rash (in children)
- croup (respiratory infection resulting in barking cough and difficulty breathing in children)
- lack of energy or difficulty feeding (in infants)

^{*}The symptom list will be updated, as required, as per direction from Ministry of Health.



Part 1: Protocols for Licensed Child Care Centres



Daily Active Screening for COVID-19 of Persons Entering Child Care Centres

POLICY

Every person arriving at the child care centre must be actively screened daily **PRIOR** to entering the centre. The screening information must be documented on the appropriate **COVID-19 Active Screening Forms for Staff, Households or Essential Visitors and Vendors** to facilitate contact tracing by Peel Public Health in the event of a confirmed COVID-19 case or outbreak.

Where possible, daily screening should be done electronically (e.g., via online form, survey, or e-mail) prior to arrival at the child care setting. The centre may also conduct daily active screening over the phone or through an on-site screening station. On-site temperature checks are optional. Parents/guardians should check household members for symptoms and take the temperature of children attending child care prior to arriving at the child care centre. Parents/guardians will report the information to staff during the active screening process. If screening is done at the child care centre, screeners should take appropriate precautions when screening as described in the procedures below.

Additional information on screening for school board staff entering, or children attending, child care centres/programs located within schools (such as before and after school programs) is provided in **Appendix A**. Additional information for community-based child care centres operating before and after school programs is found in **Appendix C**.

Individuals re-entering the child care centre (leaving and coming back on the same day) must be screened again **PRIOR** to re-entering the centre.

There should be no volunteers or non-essential visitors permitted to enter the child care setting. Essential visitors who will be permitted may include professionals delivering supports for children with special needs, Ministry staff and other public officials such as the fire marshal, public health inspectors, etc. Essential visitors will be required to meet all daily active screening requirements prior to entering the centre.

Students completing post-secondary educational placements will be permitted to enter child care settings. Students will also be subject to the same health and safety protocols as other staff members such as screening.

In-person parent tours of the child care centre are only allowed <u>after hours</u>, provided that all persons are screened before entering and the appropriate precautions outlined in these procedures are followed.

Individuals who were previously ill, have been symptom free for 24 hours, and have tested negative for COVID-19 must complete additional screening using the **COVID-19 Re-entry Screening Form for Previously III Individuals PRIOR** to also completing the daily active screening process. Proof of the negative COVID-19 test result is not required. If a health care provider has conducted an assessment and has made an alternative diagnosis, a medical note is not required.



PROCEDURES

Where possible, daily screening should be done electronically (e.g., via online form, survey, or e-mail) prior to arrival at the child care setting. The centre may also conduct active screening over the phone and/or through a screening station. Please note that a station will still be needed for staff/children/students/essential screening visitors/vendors who are not able to complete screening before arrival. Additional information on screening of children who attend before and/or after school programs within schools and school board staff who enter child care centres/programs within schools is provided in Appendix A. Additional information for community-based child care centres operating before and after school programs is found in Appendix C.

Screening Tool:

Staff must be trained on conducting the screening using the COVID-19 Active Screening Forms for Staff, Households or Essential Visitors and Vendors (Appendices 1.1 – 1.3), as well as using the COVID-19 Re-entry Screening Form for Previously III Individuals (Appendix 1.4) in situations where previously ill individuals who have tested negative are returning to the centre.

Screen POSITIVE:

Any staff/student/parent/child/essential visitor/vendor who answers <u>YES</u> to <u>ANY</u> of the questions on the active screening form should not be permitted to enter the centre.

COVID-19 testing will be required for any staff/student/parent/child/household member experiencing new or worsening symptoms before returning to the centre.

A symptomatic individual who has a pre-existing or alternate medical condition (e.g., asthma, tonsillitis, recurrent ear infections, allergies, rash) that could be the source of their symptoms, can be assessed by their health care provider for clearance. Parent self-report of an alternative diagnosis made by their health care provider is sufficient proof and a medical note is not required for clearance.

The child may return to the child care setting 24 hours after symptoms have resolved.

Individuals who choose not to have COVID-19 testing must be excluded from the child care setting for 14 days, unless a health care provider has specifically not recommended COVID-19 testing.



When a COVID-19 test is required with a Screen POSITIVE:

Screen positive scenario	Is COVID-19 test required?	When to return to child care centre
Staff/student/parent/child/household member experiencing new or worsening symptoms.	YES	If test is negative for COVID-19 and staff/student/child/household member passes the re-entry screening. If test is positive for COVID-19, Peel Public Health will confirm when staff/child can return to the child care centre.
Symptomatic individual with pre- existing or alternate medical condition (e.g., asthma, tonsillitis, recurrent ear infections, allergies, rash).	NO Staff/child to be assessed by a health care provider for clearance. Parent self-report of an alternate diagnosis made by their health care provider is sufficient proof. A medical note is not required for clearance.	Individual can return 24 hours after symptoms have resolved.
Individual who chooses not to have COVID-19 testing.	N/A	Exclude from the child care setting for 14 days, unless a health care provider has specifically not recommended COVID-19 testing.
International travel in the last 14 days.	If symptoms develop in the 14-day isolation period.	Exclude from the child care setting for 14 days from the return of travel.
Staff or student is a close contact of a suspected or confirmed case of COVID-19.	Tested as per Public Health's recommendation.	Exclude from the child care setting for 14 days after their last exposure, regardless of a negative test.

Where an individual does not pass screening and is not permitted to attend the program, this does not need to automatically be reported to Peel Public Health.



Report failed active screening to Peel Public Health when:

- Symptomatic individuals decline COVID-19 testing and have not sought a health care provider assessment, or
- A household member with COVID-19 symptoms has not been tested for COVID-19.

Once the staff's/student's/child's test results are known:

- Staff/student/child must self-isolate for 14 days from the start of symptoms (unless tested negative for COVID-19). Any siblings of the child attending the child care centre must also be excluded from child care.
 - If tested negative for COVID-19, the individual may return to the centre 24 hours after symptoms resolve if they have not been exposed to a confirmed or suspected case of COVID-19.
 - If tested positive for COVID-19, the individual will be required to continue self-isolation for 14 days from the start of symptoms. Peel Public Health will confirm when the individual can return to the child care centre.
 - If an alternative diagnosis is made by a health care provider, the individual may return to the centre 24 hours after symptoms resolve. A medical note is not required.
 - If testing was recommended by a health care provider, but declined by the individual or parent, isolation for 14 days from the start of symptoms should be advised. Contact Peel Public Health for further direction.

If a staff/student/child has tested positive, Peel Public Health will identify and notify close contacts. Staff, students or children who have been identified as a close contact should be excluded from the child care setting for 14 days after their last exposure.

Screen NEGATIVE:

- If screened negative (**NO** to **ALL** questions), the parent/children/staff/student may sanitize their hands before entering the centre.
- Once the parent/guardian and child(ren) have all passed the active screening requirements, the child(ren) will be escorted into the child care centre by staff. Parents/guardians are discouraged from entering the centre. Pick-up and drop-off of child(ren) should happen outside the child care centre unless it is determined that there is a need for a parent/guardian to enter the setting.
- Considerations for stroller storage should be made if this typically takes place inside the child care setting (for example, designating a space outside of the child care setting so that parents do not need to enter the building to leave the stroller).
- As of September 1st, 2020, all adults in a child care setting (i.e. staff, students, essential visitors/vendors) are required to wear medical masks (i.e. surgical masks) and eye protection (e.g. face shield, goggles or wrap-around safety glasses) while inside the child care premises, including the hallways. All children in grades 4 and above are required to wear a non-medical mask while inside the child care premises including the hallways. Peel Public Health also strongly recommends that child care centres consider making masks mandatory for children grades 1 to 3, and that kindergarten children be strongly recommended to wear masks. For more information on mask use, see the Disposable Gloves, Masks and Eye Protection section under the General Sanitary Precautions and



Physical Distancing Measures to Prevent the Spread of COVID-19 for Licensed Child Care Centres policy.

1. Screening Done Electronically (e.g. via online form, e-mail, survey):

- The child care centre may develop an electronic form or survey or send an e-mail based on the COVID-19 Active Screening Forms for Staff, Households and Essential Visitors and Vendors to be sent to staff, students, parents and essential visitors/vendors to complete and submit prior to arrival at the centre. Ensure the following criteria are met:
 - The wording of the screening questions is not modified.
 - The screening results must be stored/saved for a period of 12 months as per the CCEYA regulatory requirements.
 - Privacy and confidentiality of the screening results is maintained for the persons screened. See the Confidentiality of Personal Health Information Collected for COVID-19 Screenings section for more details.
 - o The screening results can be verified by the Provider prior to entry.
 - o Contact information for the person completing it, including date, is captured.
- Screening staff must verify that any staff/student/parent/child/essential visitor/vendor who
 arrives at the centre and has answered YES to ANY of the questions on the screening form
 will be directed to not enter the centre and to return home immediately.

2. Screening by Phone:

- Active screening questions may be asked over the phone with staff or parents/guardians.
- The Supervisor will complete the active screening for staff and students using the COVID-19 Active Screening Form for Staff.
- The Supervisor will provide families with a phone number to call so that the COVID-19 Active Screening Form for Households can be completed by screening staff over the phone with the parent/guardian and documented by staff. Parents/guardians should check household members for symptoms and take the temperature of children attending child care prior to arriving at the child care centre. Parents/guardians will report the information to staff during the active screening process. Families should allow extra time for screening to be completed.

3. Screening at a Station:

The Supervisor is required to ensure that the following steps are completed:

- Identify/set up the screening station and assign staff to conduct the screening:
 - Place the screening table at the entrance(s).
 - Child care centres should develop procedures that support physical distancing and separate groups of children as best as possible (i.e., children of one room enter door A and children of another room enter door B, or staggered entrance times). Note that more than one entrance/exit is only allowed provided that each entrance/exit is control-accessed to ensure each person is screened before entering the centre.
 - Implement measures to physically separate or impose physical distance of at least 2 meters between persons. This could be done by using physical partitions, visual cues or signage to limit close contact.
 - Staff conducting the screening must maintain a minimum 2-meter distance from the person being screened as much as possible or be separated by a physical barrier



(such as a plexiglass barrier), and wear personal protective equipment (PPE) (i.e., surgical/procedural mask, eye protection (goggles or face shield)). Staff should follow guidance provided on how to properly put on and take off PPE.

- Place posters or signage outside the entrance(s) and drop-off area(s) identifying the screening process.
- Ensure hand sanitizer is available at the screening station/entrance(s) and kept out
 of reach of young children. Ensure it is visible to every person entering the building.
 Once a person has passed the active screening, s/he must complete hand hygiene
 with the hand sanitizer (60%-90% alcohol content) or by hand washing with soap and
 water.

• When temperature checks are being conducted:

- Temperature should be reported for every person entering the centre. The temperature reading should only be recorded if fever is present, indicated by a temperature reading on a thermometer of 37.8°C or greater.
- Staff and parents/guardians of children attending care will be asked to take a temperature reading at home and to report their temperature to staff as part of the active screening process.
- If a temperature was not taken in advance of arriving at the centre, the screening station must have a forehead thermometer or a digital thermometer with a supply of single use tips available. Follow the manufacturer's instructions for the proper use of the thermometer.
- A waste container must be available at the screening table to dispose of thermometer tips, which can be disposed of in the regular garbage afterward.
- Disinfectant must also be available at the screening table to disinfect the thermometer in-between uses. Thermometers may be disinfected with 70% isopropyl or ethyl alcohol (i.e. alcohol prep wipes) and allowed to air dry before use, or disinfected according to the manufacturer's instructions.
- Staff will request that staff/students/parents/essential visitors/vendors taking their temperature apply hand sanitizer before and after using the thermometer and before and after disinfecting it.
- If screening is conducted in an enclosed space and a physical distance of 2 meters cannot be maintained or plexiglass barrier not used, parents/guardians, staff, students and essential visitors/vendors must also wear masks.

Screening Upon Entry

(1) Screening of Supervisor and Staff

The Supervisor must ensure that all staff and students are informed of, and sign off on, the screening policy prior to beginning work at the child care centre. Active screening must be completed for <u>all</u> staff and students at the site each day. The Supervisor will develop the active screening schedule and assign staff to conduct active screening of parents/guardians and children for each day.

A Supervisor or designate will be onsite at the child care centre at all times. The Supervisor will be the first staff to arrive at the centre. The Supervisor will self-screen at home using the **COVID-19 Active Screening Form for Staff** and will answer the screening questions in writing or complete electronically and complete the temperature check, to ensure s/he is well enough to report to work. If unable to report to work, the Supervisor will ensure a back up staff is called into work.



Once the Supervisor has completed the self-screening at home, s/he will arrive at the centre and complete active screening or verify screening results for the second staff to arrive at the site. Once screened, the second staff to arrive will confirm the screening results of the Supervisor. The Supervisor will then complete active screening or verify the screening results for all staff. The Supervisor on duty will ensure that active screening is completed for all staff and students for every staffing shift.

Staff and students are required to stay home if they are experiencing <u>ANY</u> of the symptoms identified on the active screening form and to report their absence to their Supervisor immediately.

Any staff or students who arrive at the centre and answer <u>YES</u> to <u>ANY</u> of the questions on the active screening form will be directed by the Supervisor not to enter the centre and to return home immediately.

Note that staff/students who cared for a sick child would answer NO to the screening question regarding close contact with a confirmed or suspected case of COVID-19 or close contact with any symptomatic person since they would have worn PPE (surgical mask and eye protection) appropriately (mask over nose and mouth).

Any essential visitor or third-party vendor (such as caterers or cleaning services) granted entry into the child care centre **MUST** also complete the daily active screening process prior to entering the site using the **COVID-19 Active Screening Form for Essential Visitors and Vendors**. Entry into the child care centre should only be permitted if there is a need to enter the setting.

Any third-party vendors (such as cleaning services) that arrive at the child care centre afterhours must self-screen prior to entering the site by completing the **COVID-19 Active Screening Form for Essential Visitors and Vendors**. They must also record their time of arrival and departure upon entering and leaving the child care centre. Staff must advise third-party vendors of proper hand hygiene and cleaning and disinfection practices when using the thermometer, if temperature checks are a part of on-site screening.

Any parents/guardians entering the child care centre after-hours for parent tours must also complete the daily active screening process prior to entering the site using the **COVID-19 Active Screening Form for Essential Visitors and Vendors**. All persons entering should wear a mask (except children if not tolerated or under the age of 2) if physical distancing cannot be maintained, and perform hand hygiene before entering and as often as necessary. The spaces where the parents/guardians/children enter should be cleaned and disinfected after the visit.

All child care centres are responsible for maintaining daily attendance records of any essential visitor or vendor entering the centre and the approximate length of their stay. Records are to be kept on the premises as per CCEYA regulatory requirements. Records (e.g. name, contact information, time of arrival/departure, screening completion/result, etc.) must be kept up-to-date and available to facilitate contact tracing in the event of a confirmed COVID-19 case or outbreak.



(2) <u>Screening of Parents, Guardians and Children</u>

The Supervisor must inform all parents/guardians whose children are placed in child care of the screening requirements prior to the family beginning child care at the site.

Child care centres are strongly recommended to request that parents/guardians confirm their understanding of, and consent for, all screening requirements, using the **Parent/Guardian COVID-19 Screening Agreement** (see **Appendix 1.5**).

The Parent/Guardian COVID-19 Screening Agreement is to be provided to parents/guardians. See Appendix 1.5.

Confidentiality of Personal Health Information Collected for COVID-19 Screenings

It is important to note that Peel Public Health:

- is required by Ontario's *Personal Health Information Protection Act (PHIPA)* to respect and protect the privacy of the individuals being screened for COVID-19; and
- will only disclose a positive case to a child care centre if it is needed to manage the exposure risk to others.

Child care staff are required to protect all personal health information collected for the COVID-19 screenings and/or information provided by Peel Public Health regarding a positive COVID-19 test result to reduce exposure. Parent and child privacy are paramount; therefore child care staff are encouraged to treat families in a respectful manner which protects the privacy of their family. COVID-19 screening results must only be shared with Peel Public Health. All screening documents completed must be stored in a secure area (i.e. locked office and filing cabinet). Privacy is everyone's responsibility.

Re-entry Screening of Previously III Individuals Tested Negative for COVID-19

If a previously ill child, parent/guardian or staff person/student has:

1) tested **NEGATIVE** for COVID-19;

AND

2) remained symptom-free for at least 24 hours,

they can return to the child care centre (unless they have had close contact with a confirmed COVID-19 case or symptomatic person(s), in which case, they will need to self-isolate for 14 days from the last time they had close contact with the confirmed or suspected case).

The parent/guardian or staff person/student may self-report a negative COVID-19 test result or an alternative medical diagnosis by a health care provider. Upon return to the centre, the previously ill child must complete the re-entry screening conducted by screening staff over the phone with the parent/guardian using the **COVID-19 Re-Entry Screening Form for Previously Ill Individuals.** The Supervisor will conduct re-entry screening for previously ill staff.



If **YES** was answered to **ANY** of the questions in **Step 2** of re-entry screening form, staff must refuse the individual entry into the child care centre. The individual will need to self-isolate for 14 days from the last time they had close contact with the confirmed or suspected COVID-19 case.

If **NO** was answered to **ALL** questions in **Step 2** of the re-entry screening form, staff may proceed with conducting active screening on the individual.

<u>Note</u>: Individuals tested positive for COVID-19 require direction from Peel Public Health on when they can return to the child care centre.

The active screening policy and forms will be updated as advised by Peel Public Health. Documentation of the information collected during active screening must be recorded on the COVID-19 Active Screening Forms for Staff, Households, Essential Visitors and Vendors or the COVID-19 Re-entry Screening Form for Previously III Individuals in situations where previously ill individuals with a negative test result are returning to the centre. The Supervisor is responsible for ensuring that this information is recorded daily as required, maintained on the premises and managed in accordance with the child care provider's relevant privacy and document management practices as set out in Ontario Regulation 137/15 under the Child Care and Early Years Act, 2014 (i.e. at least 12 months from the date the record is made).

Required Forms

- COVID-19 Active Screening Form for Staff (Appendix 1.1)
- COVID-19 Active Screening Form for Households (Appendix 1.2)
- COVID-19 Active Screening Form for Essential Visitors and Vendors (Appendix 1.3)
- COVID-19 Re-entry Screening Form for Previously III Individuals (Appendix 1.4)
- Parent/Guardian COVID-19 Screening Agreement (Appendix 1.5)



Appendix 1.1 - COVID-19 Active Screening Form For Staff (to be completed daily)

Month: ____

	co	OVID-19 Active Screening F	orm For Staff (to be comple	eted daily)	
Name of C	hild Care Centre:		Address of Child Ca	re Centre:	
Staff Memb	oer's Name (First, Last):		<u> </u>		
conducting		outlined in the Daily Active S must complete one monthly Screor higher).			
Close con	tact is being coughed or sne	ezed on or being within 2 meter	rs of an individual with COVID-	19 symptoms for 15 minutes	(without PPE).
required be	efore the staff person can ret	estions below, do not permit the urn to work. For more information a/coronavirus/testing/ or contact	on on symptoms, COVID-19 tes	sting and self-isolation, see a	health care
Date	Q1: Do you have fever, new or worsening cough, shortness of breath or any other symptoms below*?	Q2: Did you have close contact with anyone with fever, new or worsening cough or shortness of breath in the last 14 days?	Q3: Do you have COVID- 19 or had close contact with a confirmed or suspected case of COVID- 19 in the last 14 days?	Q4: Do you have a temperature of 37.8°C or higher? (If temperature is 37.8°C or higher, indicate 'yes' for fever present and record temperature)	Q5: Did you travel outside Canada in the last 14 days?
Example	✓Yes □ No	□ Yes ✔No	□ Yes ✔No	Temperature: 38.3°C Fever present? ✓Yes □ No	□ Yes ✔No
-1	⊠ Voc □ No	□ Voc □ No	□ Vos □ No	Temperature:	□ Vos □ No

Fever present?

☐ Yes ☐ No

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Appendix 1.2 (a) – COVID-19 Active Screening Form For Households – Monthly Format (to be completed daily for each family)

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Appendix 1.2 (b) – COVID-19 Active Screening Form For Households – Weekly Format (to be completed daily for each family)

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Appendix 1.3 – COVID-19 Active Screening Form For Essential Visitors and Vendors (to be completed at each visit for each guest)

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*For health care workers only if not wearing appropriate PPE. *Other Symptoms Include: Sore throat Difficulty swallowing Pink eye (conjunctivitis) Nasal congestion or runny nose without other known cause Diarrhea (3 or more episodes of loose/watery per day) Nausea/vomiting Decrease or loss of sense of taste or smell Rash (if a child) Croup (respiratory infection resulting in barking cough and difficulty breathing) (if a child)	



Appendix 1.4 – COVID-19 Re-entry Screening Form For Previously III Individuals Licensed Child Care Centres

Instructions for Screening:

All individuals who were previously ill and have been symptom free for 24 hours may return to the centre if:

- They have tested **NEGATIVE** for COVID-19. Proof of a negative test result is not required.
- An alternative diagnosis is made by their health care provider. A medical note is not required.
- If the individual was not tested for COVID-19 and was not recommended for testing by their health care provider. A medical note is not required.

All individuals who were previously ill MUST complete the additional screening below upon return to the centre PRIOR to also completing the active screening process.

Note: Individuals who have <u>tested positive for COVID-19</u> will require direction from Peel Public Health on when they can return to the child care centre.

The screening process outlined in the **Daily Active Screening for COVID-19 of Persons Entering Child Care Centres Policy** will be followed by all staff responsible for conducting screening.

Screening Questions:
Name of Child Care Centre:
Name (First, Last):
Staff Child C
Screening Conducted by Staff Over the Phone
Step 1:
1. Have you [or Has child] been symptom-free for at least 24 hours?
No Yes



If **NO** was answered for the question above, do not permit the individual to return to the child care centre. The individual will need to remain symptom-free for at least 24 hours before returning (unless there has been close contact with a confirmed COVID-19 case or symptomatic person(s), in which case the individual may not return until 14 days after last contact with the suspected or confirmed COVID-19 case).

Step 2: To Be Completed ONLY if Individual Answers YES to Question 1

2.	Have you had any close contact with a confirmed or suspected case of COVID-19 i the last 14 days?		
	No 🗌	Yes	
3.	cough, shortnes	ny close contact with a person with COVID-19 symptoms (e.g. fevers s of breath) who is either waiting for COVID-19 test results or who tested for COVID-19 in the last 14 days?	
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the	child care centre.	I for <u>ANY</u> of the questions in Step 2 , do not permit the individual to enter The individual will need to self-isolate for 14 days from the last time they a suspected or confirmed COVID-19 case.	
		for <u>ALL</u> of the questions in Step 2 , proceed with conducting the active ss using the appropriate form for the individual (Staff or Household).	
Sc	reened By: Child (Care Staff Name and Signature:	
Da	te Screened:		



Appendix 1.5 – Parent/Guardian COVID-19 Screening Agreement

Under Provincial direction, child care centres may operate following strict health and safety protocols to prevent the spread of COVID-19 and to ensure the safety of child care staff, children and their families.

What is COVID-19?

COVID-19 is a new strain of coronavirus that has not been previously seen in humans. The virus can cause symptoms like the common cold but can advance, in some cases, to severe respiratory illness or even death. COVID-19 can be spread from person to person, usually after close contact with someone infected with the virus.

Health and Illness Protocol for COVID-19

Children who are ill should not attend the child care centre.

Children should not attend child care if any member of their household is ill with COVID-19 symptoms.

To manage the risk of spreading illness within the child care centre, Peel Public Health has provided direction on cleaning/sanitation protocols and personal health care practices including frequent hand washing. Peel Public Health also requires daily active screening of all individuals arriving at the child care centre.

ALL CHILDREN must be screened DAILY. Parents/guardians are required to report any symptoms in household members and to take the temperature of children attending child care (if temperature checks are not a part of on-site screening) prior to arriving at the child care centre. Parents/guardians will report the information to staff during the active screening process or during the self-assessment for children attending school. In addition to daily active screening, all children will be monitored throughout the day for emerging signs or symptoms of illness.

Your COVID-19 screening results, including contact information, collected by the child care centre during the screening process, may be provided to Peel Public Health, to help manage and reduce the risk of spreading the COVID-19 virus in the child care centre.

As a Parent/Guardian, you can prevent the spread of illness by keeping your child(ren) home from the program if you, household members or your child(ren) experience any of the following signs or symptoms:

- A temperature at or above 37.8 degrees Celsius (100 degrees Fahrenheit)
- New or worsening cough or shortness of breath
- Lethargy (lack of energy) or difficulty feeding (if an infant and no other diagnosis)
- **Any** of the following symptoms:
 - Sore throat
- Headaches
- Diarrhea (3 or more episodes of loose/watery

- Difficulty swallowing Pink eye
- Unexplained fatigue/malaise/
- stools within a day) Nausea/vomiting

(conjunctivitis) Chills

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- muscle aches Abdominal pain
- Decrease or loss of sense of taste or smell

Rash (in children)

Runny nose without other known cause

Nasal congestion without other known cause

^{*}Croup (in children)

^{*}Respiratory infection resulting in barking cough and difficulty breathing



If your child(ren) experiences <u>any</u> of the signs or symptoms listed above while at the child care centre, staff will contact you or one of your emergency contacts to pick up your child(ren) <u>immediately</u>. While your child(ren) waits for you or your designate to arrive, s/he will be separated from the other children.

Any family member experiencing symptoms should be tested for COVID-19 before the family can return to child care. The Supervisor will provide the parent/guardian with contact information for Peel Public Health. Children with symptoms must be excluded from child care and self-isolate for 14 days after the onset of symptoms (unless tested negative). This exclusion will also apply to children exposed to a confirmed case of COVID-19 or to symptomatic person(s) from the date of their last exposure, even if they test negative.

To protect the health of all individuals at the child care centre, staff will support the arrival and pick up routine for families. Upon arrival, once a child(ren) has completed active screening and been deemed able to enter the centre, staff will escort the child(ren) to the appropriate program room. Parents/guardians are discouraged from entering the centre. Pick-up and drop-off of child(ren) will occur outside the child care setting unless it is determined that there is a need for a parent/guardian to enter the setting.

To protect the health of all individuals at the child care centre, all children in grades 4 and above are required to wear a non-medical or cloth mask while inside the child care centre, including the hallways. Peel Public Health strongly recommends that child care centres consider making masks mandatory for children from Grades 1-3, and that kindergarten children are strongly recommended to wear a mask while inside the child care centre. **Note:** If the child care program is located inside a school, child care providers must follow individual school board direction as per the mandatory use of non-medical masks for children. Parents/guardians are responsible for providing their school-aged child(ren) with a mask(s). If your child is unable to wear a mask for any reason, please inform the child care staff. Reasonable exceptions are permitted including those who have trouble breathing, unable to wear a mask for medical reasons or unable to remove mask without assistance. Proof of a mask exemption is not required.

As a Parent/Guardian responsible for my child(ren)'s child care placement, I agree to the following:

I have read and understood the above information; I understand the risk of illness associated with placing my child(ren) in child care services; I agree to all screening requirements and to accurately respond to all screening questions, including the reporting of temperatures daily for all persons entering the centre. Misrepresentation on any screening questions, including temperatures or masking fevers with medication could result in the termination of my child care placement: I will not administer any medication to my child(ren) that may mask the symptoms of illness, such as Tylenol or Advil, prior to dropping my child(ren) off at the child care centre; I agree to exclude all of my children from child care immediately upon observing any of the above signs or symptoms of illness in any family member until medically deemed able to return to care: and I understand that all children in grades 4 and above are required to wear a non-medical or cloth mask while inside the child care centre, that children in grades 1-3 may be required to wear a non-medical or cloth mask, and that kindergarten children are strongly recommended to wear a non-medical or cloth mask while inside the child care centre. Parents/guardians are responsible for providing their children with masks. Parent Name and Signature:



COVID-19 Screening

Notice with Respect to the Collection, Use and Disclosure of Personal Health Information

The information pertaining to your COVID-19 Screening is being collected, used and disclosed under the authority of the *Health Protection and Promotion Act R.S.O 1990 c.H.7* and will be retained, used, disclosed and disposed of in accordance with all applicable municipal, federal and provincial laws and regulations governing the collection, use, disclosure and disposal of information including the *Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act R.S.O. 1990 c.M.5* and the *Personal Health Information Protection Act 2004 S.O. 2004 c.3*.

This information will be used by Peel Public Health to investigate the occurrence of COVID-19 in the Region of Peel, provide case management, follow-up with close contacts to assess the risk to others, program planning and evaluation. If you test positive for COVID-19, your result may be disclosed to your child care provider to reduce the risk of spreading the virus in a child care setting. Any questions, regarding this collection, use or disclosure may be directed to the Medical Officer of Health, Peel Public Health, 7120 Hurontario Street, P.O. Box 669 RPO Streetsville, Mississauga, Ontario, L5M 2C2, 905-791-7800.



General Sanitary Precautions and Physical Distancing Measures to Prevent the Spread of COVID-19 for Licensed Child Care Centres

POLICY

Child care centres must be thoroughly cleaned prior to re-opening their operations. Centres must strictly maintain routine infection prevention and control practices (refer to the "Preventing and Managing Illnesses in Child Care Centres" guidelines), as well as adhere to additional sanitary precautions and physical distancing measures in all aspects of care to prevent the spread of COVID-19 as described in this policy.

Child care providers are responsible to communicate the requirements under this policy to any third-party vendors contracted for cleaning services at the child care centre (if applicable).

As of September 1st, 2020, all adults in the child care centre including staff, students and essential visitors/vendors, are required to wear surgical masks and eye protection (e.g. face shield, goggles or wrap around safety glasses) while inside the child care centre, including hallways.

All children in grades 4 and above are required to wear a non-medical or cloth mask while inside the child care centre, including the hallways. Peel Public Health also strongly recommends that child care centres consider making masks mandatory for children grades 1 to 3, and that kindergarten children be strongly recommended to wear masks while inside the child care centre.

For additional requirements for before and after school program providers located within schools with respect to cleaning procedures and use of shared spaces, see **Appendix A**.

For additional requirements for community-based child care centres operating before and after school programs with respect to cleaning procedures and use of shared spaces, see **Appendix C**.

PROCEDURES

Hand Washing

Staff should wash their hands with soap and warm water frequently, and <u>must</u> wash their hands in the following situations:

- When they arrive at the centre and before they go home
- Before and after breaks
- After using the toilet
- Before handling food, preparing bottles, feeding children
- Before and after eating and drinking
- Before and after touching their own or someone else's face
- After sneezing or coughing into hands
- Before and after giving or applying medication or ointment to a child or self
- Before and after diaper check or changing diapers, assisting a child to use the toilet, and using the toilet



- Before and after contact with bodily fluids (i.e. runny noses, spit, vomit, blood)
- After cleaning and handling garbage

Children should wash their hands with soap and warm water frequently, and <u>must</u> wash their hands in the following situations:

- When they arrive at the centre and before they go home
- Before and after eating and drinking
- · After a diaper change and using the toilet
- After playing outside
- After handling shared toys/items
- After sneezing or coughing into hands

Staff should follow and role model the following steps for proper hand washing:

- Wet hands
- Apply soap
- Lather for at least 20 seconds. Rub between fingers, back of hands, fingertips, under nails
- Rinse well under running water
- Dry hands well with paper towel or hot air blower
- Turn taps off with paper towel, if available

Portable sinks to facilitate hand washing are not permitted unless they are only used on a temporary basis. Permanent handwashing sinks must be installed as soon as possible where needed.

Staff should increase monitoring of hand washing supplies to ensure all sinks in washrooms, kitchens, and classrooms are well stocked at all times (i.e. soap, paper towels, waste receptacles). Ensure hand sanitizer or alcohol-based hand rub (containing 60%-90% alcohol) is available at the entrances of the centre and throughout the centre. Ensure hand sanitizer is readily accessible in areas where hand washing facilities are not available. However, hand sanitizer dispensers should not be in locations that can be accessed by young children.

When hands are not visibly soiled, staff should follow these steps for cleaning hands using <u>hand sanitizer</u>:

- Apply hand sanitizer (60-90% alcohol-based)
- Rub hands together for at least 20 seconds
- Work sanitizer between fingers, back of hands, fingertips, and under nails
- Rub hands until dry

Hand sanitizer must only be used on children who are over the age of two and must always be used under staff supervision. Staff must ensure that the product has completely evaporated from the child's hands before allowing the child to continue their activity.

Other personal hygiene measures include avoiding touching your eyes, nose or mouth and avoiding high-touch areas, where possible, or ensuring you clean your hands afterward.



Disposable Gloves, Masks and Eye Protection

Masks alone will not prevent the spread of COVID-19. The use of non-medical masks (cloth masks) may not protect you but may help protect those around you.

As of September 1st, 2020, all adults in a child care setting (i.e. staff, students, essential visitors/vendors) are required to wear medical masks (i.e. surgical/procedural masks) and eye protection (e.g. face shield, goggles or wrap-around safety glasses) while inside the child care premises, including the hallways.

All children in grade 4 and above are required to wear a non-medical or cloth mask while inside the child care centre, including the hallways as per provincial guidance. Peel Public Health also strongly recommends that child care centres consider making masks required for children grades 1 to 3, and that kindergarten children be strongly recommended to wear masks while inside the child care premises. Parents/guardians are responsible for providing their schoolaged child(ren) with a mask(s).

<u>Note</u>: If the child care program is located inside a school, child care providers must follow individual school board direction as per the mandatory use of non-medical masks for children.

Masks should not be placed on children under age 2. If a child is unable to wear a mask, maintain a two-meter distance as much as possible.

Reasonable exceptions are permitted including those who have trouble breathing, unable to wear a mask for medical reasons or unable to remove mask without assistance. Proof of a mask exemption is not required.

In addition to routine use of a surgical/procedural mask and eye protection, gloves and gowns must be worn by staff when:

- Cleaning and disinfecting blood or bodily fluid spills if there is a risk of splashing
- Caring for a sick child exhibiting symptoms

Surgical/procedural masks must be worn by staff who become sick (they should also immediately go home). Surgical/procedural masks should be worn by sick children (if tolerated and is 2 years of age or older) until their parent or guardian arrives to take them home.

N-95 masks are not to be used in a child care setting.

Face shields are a form of eye protection along with goggles or wrap-around safety glasses. They should be used in circumstances requiring eye protection as outlined above. Face shields can be worn with a mask but cannot be used as a substitute for a mask.

Both masks and gloves may cause a false sense of security, particularly if they are not used properly. Individuals may contaminate themselves when putting masks on and taking them off if not handled correctly. Hands must be washed or sanitized before putting on and after taking off a mask.

Masks must be changed and disposed of as soon as they become damp, visibly soiled, damaged or contaminated.

Gloves must be worn as per routine practice such as when cleaning up vomit and diarrhea and disinfecting surfaces and must be disposed after use. Where possible, wear gloves when



interacting with high-touch areas. Do not touch your face with gloved hands. Take care when removing gloves. Ensure you wash your hands after removing them. Disposable gloves do not replace hand washing.

The following links from Public Health Ontario and Public Health Agency of Canada describe appropriate <u>mask</u> and <u>glove</u> use. The BC Centre for Disease Control has tips on disinfecting eye protection.

Cleaning and Disinfecting

Cleaning and disinfecting reduce the spread of germs. Some germs can live for hours, days or weeks on toys, counters, diapering table, door knobs, computer key boards and other surfaces.

Cleaning with soap and water removes dirt and grease that can hide and protect germs from disinfectants. Cleaning will substantially reduce the number of germs that may be on surfaces.

Disinfecting after cleaning will kill most of the germs that were left behind. Cleaners and disinfectant products and methods already used by child care centres are effective against COVID-19.

Only use disinfectants with a Drug Identification Number (DIN) and labelled as a broadspectrum viricide. Low-level hospital grade disinfectants may be used. Check expiry dates and always follow the manufacturer's instructions. Particular attention should be paid to contact time, dilution, material compatibility, shelf-life, storage, first aid, and PPE.

Note that vinegar is not a disinfectant and should not be used for disinfecting in child care centres. Vinegar does not kill germs!

Fogging is not a recommended method of disinfection due to its lack of efficacy and potential adverse health effects on children and staff. Currently, Health Canada and Public Health Ontario are also discouraging the use of fogging for disinfection in healthcare settings, stating the use of no-touch disinfection systems do not replace the need for routine manual cleaning of environmental surfaces.

The Supervisor will set up a schedule to ensure all cleaning and disinfecting duties are consistently completed and documented.

The 6 steps for cleaning and disinfecting are:

- 1. Clean with soap and water.
- 2. Rinse with clean water.
- 3. Apply the disinfectant according to the manufacturer's instructions on the label.
- 4. Allow the surface or object to soak in the disinfectant for the required contact time. Refer to the **Disinfection Chart for Child Care Centres in Appendix 1.6** for the required contact times when using household bleach and water. A disinfectant with a Drug Identification Number (DIN) can also be used.
- 5. Rinse with clean water if required according to manufacturer's instruction on the label. Rinsing is not required when using household bleach and water.
- 6. Let air dry.

Refer to Public Health Ontario's "COVID-19 Cleaning and Disinfection for Public Settings" guidelines for more information. Staff are strongly recommended to use disinfectants approved



for use on COVID-19 on <u>Health Canada's website</u> or bleach water solution. Follow manufacturer's instructions for contact time. Staff are recommended to choose a disinfectant product with a shorter contact time.

In the kitchen, continue to use sanitizer that contains chlorine, quaternary ammonium or iodine (according to the <u>Ontario Food Premises Regulation</u>).

Toys and Equipment

Staff must ensure that all toys and equipment are in good repair, clean and sanitary. The Supervisor must be advised of any concerns regarding toys and equipment.

- Group water/sensory tables must not be used. Only individual sensory play is permitted (i.e. each child has their own separate bin).
- Ensure each child's individual sensory play toys are cleaned and disinfected between use.
- If sensory materials (e.g., playdough, water, sand, etc.) are offered, they should be provided for single use (i.e. available to the child for the day) and labelled with child's name, if applicable.
- Remove toys that cannot be easily cleaned and disinfected, such as plush toys.
- Toys and equipment should be cleaned and disinfected at a minimum between groups.
- Mouthed toys should be cleaned and disinfected immediately after child is finished using it.
- Shared spaces and structures that cannot be cleaned and disinfected between groups should not be used.
- Staff are encouraged to have designated toys and equipment (e.g., balls, loose equipment) for each room or group. Where toys and equipment are shared, they should be cleaned and disinfected prior to being shared.
- It is recommended that items such as books, puzzles, and cardboard/boxboard that are absorbent and cannot be easily cleaned and disinfected are removed.
- Follow provincial and municipal guidance or laws with respect to use of community playgrounds. As playgrounds re-open for public use, ensure hands are washed or sanitized prior to and after use of playgrounds.
- Outdoor play at licensed child care sites is encouraged in small groups which facilitate
 physical distancing. Any outdoor play equipment that is used must be cleaned and
 disinfected before and after use, and as required. Play structures can only be used by one
 group at a time.
- Staff should find alternate outdoor arrangements (e.g. community walk), where there are challenges securing outdoor play space. Staff should follow physical distancing practices when possible.
- Tables and chairs being used are to be cleaned and disinfected before and after use and as
 often as needed.
- Should any child present with symptoms of COVID-19, all toys and equipment accessed by the child will be removed from the room to be cleaned and disinfected as soon as possible.
 All items that cannot be cleaned (such as paper, books, cardboard puzzles) should be removed and stored in a sealed container for a minimum of 7 days.

Cots

 Children will have a cot assigned to them. Cots will be placed to support physical distancing practices (ideally 2 meters/6.5 feet spatial separation if feasible). If space is tight, place children head-to-toe or toe-to-toe. Staff should consider removing cribs or placing infants in



every other crib and mark the cribs that should not be used in order to support physical distancing.

- Cots and cribs must be cleaned and disinfected daily or more frequently as needed.
- High touch surfaces on cots and cribs must be disinfected twice a day or as often as necessary.
- Cot sheets and blankets must be changed between each user.
- Sheets and blankets if used by same user must be cleaned weekly or more frequently as needed.
- Ensure cot sheets and blankets belonging to different children are labelled with the child's name and stored separately in bags or bins in clean dry areas to prevent mold growth and kept out of the way of everyday activities.
- Families will be permitted to bring their own blankets and/or sleeping bags for children. The
 centre should strive as much as possible to launder these items before use. If not possible,
 ensure parents/guardians launder all items prior to bringing them to the centre, and store
 them separately in a clean bag. Items must be laundered weekly or more frequently as
 needed.

Additional Infection Control Practices

- Regularly clean and disinfect high-touch surfaces including door knobs, light switches, faucet handles, hand rails, and electronic devices at least twice daily (for 7 a.m. 6 p.m. operations) to prevent the transmission of viruses from contaminated objects and surfaces. Additional cleaning and disinfecting may be required based on daily need.
- High touch electronic devices (i.e. keyboards, tablets) may be disinfected with 70% alcohol (i.e. alcohol prep wipes) while ensuring the dilute solution makes contact with the surface for at least one minute.
- Ensure washroom facilities are frequently cleaned and disinfected, particularly between different groups of children if washrooms are shared. Ensure children practice good hand hygiene after the use of the washroom.
- Low-touch surfaces (any surfaces at the location that have minimal contact with hands), must be cleaned and disinfected daily (i.e. window ledges, doors, sides of furnishings, etc.).
- Carpets are to be vacuumed daily when the rooms are available, i.e., during outdoor play.
- Ensure garbage is kept in waterproof containers lined with plastic garbage bags. Staff must dispose of garbage daily. Any blood-soiled items must be discarded in sealed bags.
- Personal belongings (e.g., backpack, clothing, etc.) should be minimized. If brought, belongings should be labeled and kept in the child's cubby/designated area.
- Toothbrushes, bottles, sippy cups, and pacifiers must be individually labelled and stored separately (not touching each other), they must not be shared among children. The plastic handle of the toothbrush and the pacifier must be washed in soap and water upon arrival to the centre.



- Label individual hygiene items such as toothpaste tubes and store them separately. The
 tubes must be wiped with a disinfecting wipe then rinsed, upon arrival to the centre. If many
 children are using toothpaste from the same tube, the toothpaste must be dispensed onto
 separate paper towels and then applied to the brush.
- For creams and lotions during diapering, staff must never put hands directly into lotion or cream bottles. They must use a tissue or single-use gloves. Upon arrival to the centre, wipe the cream/lotion container with a disinfecting wipe.
- Children should bring their own sunscreen where possible and it should not be shared. Staff
 may provide assistance to apply sunscreen to any child requiring it and should exercise
 proper hand hygiene when doing so (for example washing hands before and after
 application).
- Reinforce messages with children to not share their food or drinks with others.
- Staff should change meal practices (if meals or snacks are provided) to ensure there is no self-serve or sharing of food at meal times.
 - Utensils should be used to serve food.
 - o Meals should be served in individual portions to children
 - There should be no items shared (i.e., utensils)
- There should be no food provided by the family/outside of the regular meal provision of the program (except where required and special precautions for handling and serving the food must be put in place).
- Avoid getting close to faces of all children, where possible.
- Avoid singing activities indoors and ensure physical distancing for singing activities outdoors.
- Do not plan activities with exposure to animals or pets.

Physical Distancing Measures

As of September 1st, 2020, the Ministry of Education has allowed licensed child care centres to return to maximum group sizes as set out under the CCEYA, each group should stay together throughout the day and should not mix with other groups, as much as possible.

Maintain physical distancing of at least 2 meters (6 feet) or more between persons, including staff, students, parents and children. Physical distancing may be difficult to maintain in the child care setting; however, additional steps should be taken to limit the number of people in close contact (i.e. within minimum 2-meters of each other).



If feasible, consider the following physical distancing measures:

- Staggering the children's arrival and departure times, spreading out the use of the outdoor play area to allow smaller numbers of children to play together and thus avoid large groups.
- Eliminate large group activities.
- Make sure that the children are distanced from each other during meal time, dressing time, table work, and nap time, as much as possible. Stagger these times if possible.
- Ideally, try to avoid activities involving direct contact between the children as much as possible (i.e. holding hands or cuddling each other), as well as toy sharing (i.e. rather than playing a table game in which all the children touch the tokens or dice, it should be one child in the group who handles the material). Incorporate more individual activities or activities that encourage more space between children.
- Limit the number of children who are in the communal areas at the same time (i.e. alternate the groups of children in the activity rooms or cubby area).
- When in the same common space (e.g., entrances, hallways) physical distancing of at least 2 metres must be maintained between different groups and should be encouraged, where possible, between children within the same group by:
 - o spreading children out into different areas, particularly at meal and dressing time;
 - incorporating more individual activities or activities that encourage more space between children; and
 - o using visual cues to promote physical distancing.
- Each group must have their own assigned indoor space, separated from all other groups by a physical barrier. The purpose of the barrier is to reduce the spread of respiratory droplets that are thought to transmit COVID-19 and to reinforce physical distancing requirements between groups. The physical barrier must begin at the floor and reach a minimum height of 8 feet to ensure that it will always be 12 inches taller than the tallest person in the facility. It must be as wide as the space/room will allow.
- Wherever possible, shared washrooms must be divided using a temporary physical barrier from the floor to a minimum height of 8 feet to divide the space between different groups. The barrier must be as wide as the space/room will allow.
- If this is not operationally possible, ensure children from different groups use the washroom at different times to prevent the groups from mixing. The washrooms need to be cleaned and disinfected before and after use between different groups. Ensure children practice good hand hygiene after use of the washroom.
- The type of material for the physical barrier should be easy to clean and disinfect and should be compliant with fire regulations. Child care providers should consult with their local Fire Service.



- Incorporate outside time in daily activities and open windows (weather permitting). Outdoor
 play is encouraged and should be offered in staggered shifts if possible. In shared outdoor
 space, groups must maintain a distance of at least 2 meters from other groups and any
 other individuals outside the group.
- Child care programs that transport children using vans and/or buses must follow the guidelines set out by the <u>Ministry of Education's guidelines</u> for the reopening of schools which include:
 - o If physical distancing cannot be maintained, the use of non-medical masks for grades 4 and above will be required on school vehicles. Peel Public Health also strongly recommends that school vehicle operators consider making masks mandatory for children in grades 1-3 and that kindergarten children be strongly recommended to wear masks.
 - Children should be assigned seats and a record of the seating plan should be kept to assist with contact tracing.
 - Children in the same household or in the same classroom group should be seated together.
 - Increased frequency of disinfecting protocols for frequently touched surfaces at least two times per day.
 - Alcohol-based hand rub should be available for use.
 - Where possible, the seat behind the school bus driver should remain empty to maintain physical distancing. Windows to be open when feasible to increase ventilation.
 - Medical masks and eye protection to be worn by school bus drivers, school bus monitors and student aides.
 - School boards should support accommodations for immunocompromised and otherwise medically vulnerable students, and students with special transportation accommodations (e.g., arrange separate vehicle, assign seating at front of school bus).
 - Training, where appropriate, to support school bus drivers, school bus monitors, and student aides should be provided to ensure that health and safety measures are understood, followed and enforced.
 - Health and safety measures should be clearly communicated to parents and guardians of students to ensure their comfort with the adapted transportation system and receive their support in having students understand and follow guidelines.

Additional information can be found from the Public Services Health and Safety Association's guidelines and the Federal Guidance for School Bus Operations.

- Recognizing that physical distancing is difficult with small children and infants, additional suggestions include:
 - o planning activities that do not involve shared objects or toys;
 - o when possible, moving activities outside to allow for more space; and
 - avoiding velling or singing activities indoors.



Staffing Considerations

- Staff and students should work at only one child care location to reduce the number of contacts they have with other groups of children and to facilitate contact tracing if required by Peel Public Health.
- Staff should be assigned to dedicated work areas as much as possible. Sharing phones, desks, offices and other tools and equipment are discouraged. Disinfect after each use.
- If documents must be exchanged, leave them on a clean surface while maintaining a twometer distance.
- Limit the total number of workers onsite during child care centre hours and where they are assigned to work.
- Supervisors and/or designates should limit their movement between rooms, doing so only when absolutely necessary.
- Supply/replacement staff should be assigned to a specific group so as to limit staff
 interaction with multiple groups of children. It is the child care provider's responsibility to
 manage staff scheduling to ensure this.
- In situations where "floater" staff are required to move between rooms, such as providing
 coverage for staff breaks or lunches, they are permitted to do so. For example, floater staff
 could relieve a staff break in the infant room and then move to relieve a staff break in the
 preschool room. When doing so, they are required to:
 - o maintain physical distancing as best as possible
 - when moving directly between different groups, change mask and eye protection if visibly soiled, damp, damaged or contaminated. Discard masks once removed.
 - wash their hands frequently
- The floater staff should be consistently assigned to the same groups as much as possible.
 For contact tracing purposes, a record of floater staff interactions with groups should be maintained.
- Classroom educators assigned to a group must remain consistently with the same group as much as possible and should limit their interaction with staff/children outside of their group.
- Classroom educators within an assigned group may clean their own classroom.
- In situations where non-classroom staff are assigned to functions such as screening, escorting children to classrooms after screening, food preparation or cleaning, providers are encouraged to keep all staff positions consistent, where possible.
- For contact tracing purposes, a record of staff positions should be maintained.



- All individuals in positions where they are not within an assigned group are required to:
 - o maintain physical distancing as best as possible
 - change mask and eye protection if visibly soiled, damp, damaged or contaminated.
 Discard masks once removed.
 - wash their hands frequently
- Staff should consider implementing a process for containing and laundering work clothing.
 Alternatively, staff should practice good laundry hygiene practices with their clothing as it could potentially be a source of contamination.
 - Place possibly contaminated laundry into a container with a plastic liner and do not shake.
 - Wash with regular laundry soap and hot water (60-90°C) and dry well.
 - o Clothing and linens can be washed with other laundry.
- Child care centres should consider implementing a system for virtual and/or telephone consultations when and where possible.
 - Non-essential face-to-face meetings should be postponed or converted to virtual appointments.
- Alter the workplace layout of the floor by moving furniture or using visual cues such as tape on the floor to enhance physical distancing.
- Lunchrooms and break rooms must be arranged to follow physical distancing practices.
 Consider staggered lunch and break times to reduce the number of child care staff gathering.



Appendix 1.6 - Disinfection Chart for Child Care Centres

Disinfection Chart for Child Care Centres

Make disinfecting solutions using household bleach (5.25%)

Kitchen 100 PPM* 200 PPM*		Child Care Surfaces 500 PPM*	Blood and Body Fluids 5000 PPM*
Sanitizer used for dishwashing.	Sanitizer used for utensils which are too large to be washed in a sink or dishwasher.	Intermediate level disinfectant used for toys, diapering stations, water play stations, pet cages, and high touch surfaces within the centre.	High level disinfectant used for items and surfaces that become contaminated with blood, body fluids, feces, and vomit foulings.
Mix	Mix	Mix	Mix
½ tsp of bleach with 4 cups of water or	1 tsp of bleach with 4 cups of water or	2 tsp of bleach with 4 cups of water or	1/2 cup of bleach with 4 cups of water or
2 ml of bleach with 1 litre of water	4 ml of bleach with 1 litre of water	10 ml of bleach with 1 litre of water	125 ml of bleach with 1 litre of water
Contact Time	Contact Time	Contact Time	Contact Time
45 seconds	45 seconds	2 minutes	2 minutes

^{*} Concentration is approximate due to simplification of mixing recipe.

Additional Notes:

- · Clean all surfaces and items with soap and water before disinfecting.
- · Make a new bleach solution daily.
- Prepare bleach solution with room temperature water to reduce odour.
- · Label all disinfectant and deaning product bottles.
- · Use the stream setting on spray bottles to reduce inhalation hazards.
- Do not mix bleach solutions with any other cleaning products.
- · Store all disinfectants and cleaning products in a location inaccessible to children.
- · Avoid using disinfectants and cleaning products within close proximity to children.



Outbreak Management for COVID-19 Related Symptoms Licensed Child Care Centres

POLICY

To protect the health and well-being of children and staff within the child care centre, all children should be monitored while in care for emerging signs or symptoms of any illness, including COVID-19. Children or staff who become ill while at the child care centre must return home as soon as possible. The Supervisor must initiate the centre's illness management policies, including the following measures related to outbreak management for COVID-19. One positive confirmed case of COVID-19 in a child care centre is considered an outbreak.

PROCEDURES

Health Checks for Children in Care

Staff must ensure that all children in care are monitored for illness, with a temperature taken as necessary, including for the following signs and symptoms of COVID-19:

- Fever (temperature ≥ 37.8°C)
- New or worsening cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Lethargy (lack of energy) or difficulty feeding (if an infant and no other diagnosis)
- **Any** of the following symptoms:
 - Sore throat Headaches Diarrhea (3 or more episodes of loose/watery Difficulty Unexplained stools per day) swallowing fatique/malaise/ Nausea/vomiting muscle aches Decrease or loss of sense of taste or smell Pink eve (conjunctivitis) Abdominal pain Runny nose without other known cause Chills Nasal congestion without other known cause Croup (respiratory infection resulting o Rash in barking cough and difficulty breathing)

Staff must ensure that hand hygiene is performed before and after each health check with each child. Staff are only required to conduct and document the health check or take a temperature if symptoms are noted. Staff must document any symptoms observed on the child's <a href="https://liness.com/l

Children Who Display COVID-19-Related Symptoms During Care

If **ANY ONE** of the symptoms related to COVID-19 are present in a child, the child must be immediately excluded from the child care centre and sent home. **If the child has siblings who attend the same child care centre, all siblings should also be excluded.**



Staff are required to:

- Isolate the child with symptoms immediately from other children and staff into a separate room. If a separate room is not available, the sick child should be kept separated from others at a minimum distance of 2 meters in a supervised area until they can go home.
- The child should be supervised by only one staff person until the child leaves while maintaining a physical distance of 2-meters if possible.
- Ensure the child wears a surgical/procedural mask (if tolerated) to cover the child's nose and mouth. Masks should not be placed on children under age 2 or on anyone who has trouble breathing, is unconscious, or otherwise unable to remove the mask without assistance. The staff caring for the ill child should wear a surgical/procedural mask and eye protection (i.e. safety glasses, goggles or face shield) and not interact with others. Hands must be washed before and after taking off a mask.
- In addition, staff should perform hand hygiene and attempt to not touch their face with unwashed hands. Disposable gloves should be used when there is close contact with the child. Staff must ensure that they wash their hands or use hand sanitizer (if hands not visibly soiled) immediately upon removal of the gloves. The most important measures are proper hand hygiene and maintaining a 2-meter distance as much as possible.
- Respiratory etiquette should also be practiced while the child is waiting to be picked up.
 Tissues should be provided to the child and disposed of properly after use in a lined, covered garbage container. Staff should avoid contact with the child's respiratory secretions.
- Increase ventilation if possible (e.g., open windows).
- Keep the child comfortable by providing a separate cot and toys. Clean and disinfect the cot and all toys after the child leaves the centre.
- Staff will notify the parent/guardian to arrange for immediate pick-up of the child (and siblings if applicable). If a parent cannot be reached, an emergency contact person will be contacted to pick up the child.
- Staff will document the symptoms observed, the date and time that symptoms occurred, and the program room the child attended on the Illness Tracking Form.
- Once the child has been picked up, the Supervisor will ensure that the room/area where child was separated to and any other areas/surfaces that the child had contact with are thoroughly cleaned and disinfected. All items used by the child that cannot be cleaned (e.g. paper, books, cardboard puzzles) should be removed and stored in a sealed container for a minimum of 7 days.
- The child should be excluded from child care and self-isolate for 14 days (unless tested negative) from the start of symptoms and be tested for COVID-19 before returning to child care. If testing is refused and medical assessment by a health care provider is not sought, the Supervisor will advise the parent/guardian to contact Peel Public Health for an assessment and for advice on next steps.
 - If tested negative, and free of symptoms for 24 hours, the child must pass re-entry screening (refer to COVID-19 Re-Entry Screening Form for Previously III Individuals) to return to child care.
 - If tested positive, Peel Public Health will provide direction on when the child can return to child care.



Staff Who Display COVID-19-Related Symptoms While at Work

Any staff person who presents with symptoms of COVID-19 including fever, new or worsening cough or shortness of breath and other symptoms as described in the **COVID-19 Active Screening Form for Staff** must not return to the centre. If a staff person becomes ill while at the child care centre:

- Staff should isolate themselves as quickly as possible until they are able to leave the centre and wear a surgical/procedural mask covering the nose and mouth and eye protection.
- COVID-19 testing will be required for any staff experiencing symptoms before returning to work.
- The Supervisor will advise the staff to get tested and self-isolate. The staff person must contact Peel Public Health for an assessment and for advice on next steps.
- Staff must remain off work and self-isolate for 14 days from the start of symptoms (unless tested negative). If the staff person tests negative, they should not return to work until free of symptoms for 24 hours.
- If staff person tests negative for COVID-19, and is free of symptoms for 24 hours, s/he must pass re-entry screening (refer to COVID-19 Re-Entry Screening Form for Previously III Individuals) to return to work.
- If the staff person declines testing and their health care provider has not recommended testing, they may return to work 24 hours after their symptoms resolve.
- If staff person tests positive, Peel Public Health will provide direction on when s/he can return to work.

When a child or staff person becomes ill, Peel Public Health does not need to be routinely notified unless:

- The Supervisor will contact Peel Public Health of a positive case of COVID-19.
- The child or staff member declines testing and has not had a health care provider assessment or the health care provider has recommended a test.
- Wait to communicate about the situation to staff and other parents unless you hear from Peel Public Health that there is a probable or confirmed COVID-19 case in your child care centre.
- Children or staff who have been identified as a close contact to a confirmed case of COVID-19 should be excluded from the child care setting for 14 days.
- If the child care centre is located in a shared setting (e.g. in a school), follow Peel Public Health's advice on notifying others using the space of a confirmed or probable case. See <u>Appendix B</u> for the Communication Protocol.

Ministry of Education

- Effective September 1, 2020, and in accordance with the August 2020 Operational Guidance document, child care licensees will be required to submit serious occurrences for a suspected case of COVID-19 for individuals exhibiting one or more symptoms.
- A Serious Occurrence is required to be submitted under the category "suspected/confirmed case of COVID-19" when one of the following individuals has a confirmed case of COVID-19 OR a suspected case involving the individual exhibiting one



or more symptoms AND the individual has been **tested**, or has indicated that they will be tested for COVID-19:

- (i) a **child who receives child care** at a home child care premises or child care centre,
- (ii) a home child care **provider**,
- (iii) a person who is **ordinarily a resident of a home child care premises** (e.g. the home provider's child, the home provider's spouse etc.; for complete definition please refer to the Home Child Care Licensing Manual)
- (iv) a person who is **regularly at a home child care premises** (e.g. the home provider's friend who visits the premises once a week etc.; for complete definition please refer to the Home Child Care Licensing Manual),
- (v) a home child care visitor,
- (vi) a parent of a child mentioned in subclause (i), or
- (vii) a **staff** member at a child care centre
- (viii) a student at a home child care premises or child care centre

<u>Instructions for a Child or Staff with Confirmed COVID-19 Illness</u>

If the Supervisor is notified that a staff person or child has tested positive for COVID-19, the following steps will be taken:

- Continue to exclude the confirmed case from the centre until further notice.
- Supervisor will call Peel Public Health to discuss the situation and necessary measures to be taken. Public Health will provide advice and steps necessary to prevent a large outbreak.
- Provide Peel Public Health with the most current Illness Tracking Form.
- Notify cleaning staff to increase cleaning and disinfection practices. Refer to the General Sanitary Precautions and Physical Distancing Measures to Prevent the Spread of COVID-19 Policy.
- Use a disinfectant with a Drug Identification Number (DIN), check expiry date, and follow manufacturer's instructions.
- If using bleach, for the appropriate concentration of bleach and water, refer to the **Disinfection Chart for Child Care Centres** found in **Appendix 1.6** of this document.
- In consultation with Peel Public Health, child care centres must consider a single, symptomatic, laboratory confirmed case of COVID-19 in a staff person or child as a confirmed COVID-19 outbreak. Outbreaks should be declared in collaboration between the centre and Peel Public Health.
- Consult with Peel Public Health to prepare and provide fact sheets and letters to parents/guardians and staff about the situation and the response measures taken by the child care centre.

Occupational Health and Safety for Staff

- When the Supervisor is notified that a staff person has tested positive for COVID-19, they
 should consult with Peel Public Health to determine when the staff can return to work. Staff
 should also report to their Employee Health/Occupational Health and Safety department
 prior to returning to work.
- If the staff person's illness is determined to be work-related in accordance with the Occupational Health and Safety Act and its regulations – the Supervisor must provide a



written notice within four days of being advised that the staff person has an occupational illness, including an occupationally-acquired infection, or if a claim has been made to the Workplace Safety and Insurance Board (WSIB) by or on behalf of the staff with respect to an occupational illness, including an occupational infection, to the:

- Ministry of Labour;
- o Joint health and safety committee (or health and safety representative); and
- Trade union, if any.
- Any instances of occupationally acquired infection shall be reported to WSIB within 72 hours of receiving notification of the illness.
- Child care centres should establish an infectious disease preparedness and response plan, which should consider and address levels of risk associated with the workplace and job tasks within the child care centre and any office staff. This includes how the child care centre will operate during and throughout the recovery phase following the pandemic including sanitization of the workplace, equipment and resources, how employees report illness, how to ensure physical distancing and how work will be scheduled.

Refer to Health and Safety Guidance during COVID-19 for Employers of Child Care Centres.

Closure of the Child Care Centre

The decision to close the child care centre will depend on several factors and will be determined on a case-by-case basis in consultation with Peel Public Health. Case scenarios could include, but are not limited to a case with an ill staff person with exposure to multiple children, or two or more cases within the child care centre.

Required Forms

Illness Tracking Form



Appendix A – Additional Information for Child Care Centres and Before and After School Programs Located within Schools

Purpose Built Child Care in Schools Serving Children 0-3.8 Years

Screening

- Child care staff and children will continue to complete daily active screening as per the Daily Active Screening for COVID-19 of Persons Entering Child Care Centres policy.
- School Board staff will be held accountable to complete the self-screen as directed by the <u>School Board protocol</u> prior to reporting to work. They will not be required to complete further screening to enter the child care space. However, their entry should be limited as necessary. They will be expected to maintain physical distancing and wear masks and eye protection when entering.
- When entering the purpose built child care space after hours, custodial staff will be held accountable to complete a self-screen as directed by the <u>School Board protocol</u>. No further after-hours screening will be required.

Before and After School Programs

Limiting Interaction Between Different Groups

Where children from different school day classes must interact to participate in the before and after school program, school boards make efforts to limit interactions between children from different classes to the greatest extent possible. Best practices to limit interactions between students from different classes and reduce transmission of COVID-19 may include:

- Making best efforts to group the before and after school program class with the same core
 day class (e.g. determining core day classes based on whether the child in enrolled in the
 before and after school program); and
- Making use of large, well-ventilated spaces (e.g. gymnasium) or outdoor spaces as much as possible for the before and after school programs.

Communication with Families

• Providers must share with parents the policies and procedures regarding health and safety protocols for COVID-19, including requirements and exceptions related to masks.

Screening

- The before and after school program provider must inform all parents/guardians whose children are placed in the program of the enhanced health and safety measures including the screening requirements in place in the core school program prior to the child beginning the program.
- An individual who has been screened for symptoms prior to the before school program
 would not need to be re-screened for the core day program. Similarly, an individual that has
 been screened prior to the before school program or core day program, would not need to
 be re-screened for the after-school program.



- School Board staff will be held accountable to complete the self-screen as directed by the <u>School Board protocol</u> prior to reporting to work. They will not be required to complete further screening to enter the child care spaces. They will be expected to maintain physical distancing to the extent possible and wear masks and eye protection when entering.
- Parents/guardians will be held accountable to complete the self-screen on children prior to their arrival at school as directed by the <u>School Board protocol</u>. Once at school, if these children attend before and/or after school programs, they will not be required to complete further screening to enter the child care programs.
- Protocols should be in place to allow for communication between school/core day and before and after school providers regarding screening (see **Appendix B**).
- A self-screen as part of the school screening requirements is acceptable to be able to enter after-school programs.

Pick up and Drop off Procedures

- Develop procedures that support physical distancing and separate groups of students as best as possible (i.e., children of one room enter door A and children of another room enter door B, or staggered entrance times).
- If the before and after school program is located off school premises and transportation is being provided by the school board, the school board should work with the provider to explore transportation considerations using relevant health and safety protocols, including the recently released <u>quidance for student transportation</u>.

Use of Shared Spaces for Before and After School Program Groups Within Schools

- Shared spaces (e.g. gymnasiums) can be used to support before and after school programming for multiple groups.
- Child care providers will be expected to appropriately separate/section the space to physically distance groups.
- Each group of students should have their own assigned indoor space, separated from all other groups by a physical barrier that can be cleaned and disinfected. The purpose of the barrier is to reduce the spread of respiratory droplets that are thought to transmit COVID-19 and to reinforce physical distancing requirements between groups. The physical barrier should begin at the floor and reach a minimum height of 8 feet to ensure that it will always be 12 inches taller than the tallest person in the facility. It should be as wide as the space/room will allow.
- Children should be kept physically distanced as much as possible (2 meters or more).
- For more support and ideas on how to provide an engaging environment while physically distancing, refer to the Ministry's document "Building on how does learning happen?".

Cleaning Shared Space

School boards are required to ensure that the classroom is cleaned and disinfected after the
core day program ends and the before and after school program begins, unless an alternate
arrangement is confirmed with the child care provider.



- Shared classroom spaces should be cleaned and disinfected (high touch surfaces at a minimum) before children enter to prevent them from touching contaminated surfaces.
- Before and after school program providers may consider scheduling outdoor play during the time that the cleaning and disinfecting takes place.
- It is acceptable for cleaning to occur while children are in the room as long as children are kept safe, kept away from/out of reach of cleaning products, and the space is well ventilated.

Hallway Washrooms

- The washroom must be cleaned and disinfected (high touch surfaces at a minimum) before children can use it.
- Only one group should access the washroom at a time and it is recommended that the washroom be cleaned in between each group's use.
- The washroom does not need to be wiped down after each individual child uses it. It is recommended to be wiped down after each group uses it if the washroom is shared between two groups/classrooms.

Kindergarten Washrooms

- Before-and-after school program providers have agreed to clean and disinfect high touch surfaces in the kindergarten washrooms:
 - after the before-school program ends and the core day program starts;
 - o after the core day program ends and the after-school program begins.

Reporting of Illness

- Staff must ensure that all children in care are monitored for illness, with a temperature taken
 as necessary, including for signs and symptoms of COVID-19 in accordance with the
 Outbreak Management for COVID-19 Related Symptoms policy.
- A communication protocol between the school and the before and after school program
 provider will need to be agreed upon to ensure the sharing of information in the event a
 child/staff who attends school and the before and after school program becomes ill (see
 Appendix B).
- Screening results should only be shared with those needed to conduct contact tracing to manage the outbreak and close contacts to protect medical privacy.
- There may be additional considerations added to ensure alignment with schools' protocols for reporting of illness.



Appendix B – Communication Protocol Between School Boards and School-Based Child Care Providers for a Probable or Confirmed Case of COVID-19

The following individuals agree to act as designates and follow the procedures in the subsequent Communication Protocol as related to the sharing of information about probable or confirmed cases of COVID-19 within the school setting shared by both parties.

School Board Designate
Name:
School Name:
Address:
Contact Information:
Back-up Designate
Name:
Contact Information:
Child Care Designate
Name:
Child Care Site Name:
Address:
Contact Information:
Back-up Designate
Name:
Contact Information:
DATE:



Purpose

To support collaboration between Child Care Providers and School Boards in Peel, the following document outlines a protocol to allow the confidential sharing of information as related to children and staff who are part of both a school and child care grouping and there has been a probable or confirmed case of COVID-19 within the school setting shared by both parties.

All information sharing will be conducted in accordance with all applicable legislation, including the *Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, 1990;* the *Personal Health Information Protection Act, 2004; the Child Care and Early Years Act, 2014; and the, Education Act, 1990.*

This protocol uses the following documents to support the directives outlined:

- Guide to Reopening Ontario's Schools
- <u>Before and After School Programs Kindergarten Grade 6:</u> Policies and Guidelines for School Boards for the 2020-2021 School Year
- Operational Guidance During COVID-19 Outbreak: Child Care Reopening
- COVID-19 Enhanced Health and Safety Protocols for Licensed Child Care Centres

Designated Liaison - Child Care and School Board

The Before and After School guide indicates that school boards should work with child care providers to establish and coordinate protocols that align with school board policies and local public health unit advice.

A designated liaison from each organization should be assigned (e.g. child care supervisor and school administrator), which will allow for:

- Sharing of confidential information amongst the fewest number of individuals and only
 as needed. That is, screening results should be shared only with those needed to
 conduct contact tracing to manage the outbreak and close contacts to protect medical
 privacy.
- Planning and next steps (e.g., additional cleaning)
- Consistent communication to affected parents

The designated liaison for each school/child care site are listed on the cover page of this document.

Public Health Nurses

The <u>Guide to Reopening Ontario's Schools</u> references the support of public health nurses to assist schools and board with local health protocols and the screening of potential cases of COVID-19. While further details on this role may not yet be confirmed, it is important to engage these public health nurses and seek the direction of Peel Public Health as related to any probable/confirmed cases of COVID-19.



Screening

Presently, all children and staff in child care in Peel are being actively screened daily using an active screening form.

School board guidance received indicates that screening will be conducted through a daily self-assessment of symptoms.

The Before and After School guide indicates that:

- All individuals must be screened each day before entering the program.
- An individual who has been screened for symptoms prior to the before school program would not need to be re-screened for the core day program.
- An individual who has been screened prior to the before school program or core day program, would not need to be re-screened for the after school program.

A self-screen as part of the core school screening requirements is acceptable to be able to enter Before and After School programs. If a child fails self-screening prior to a Before and After School program, the routine communication protocol set-up with parents and the BASP provider for absences should be followed. If Peel Public Health is notified of a positive case in a child who attended the BASP, Peel Public Health will contact the BASP child care designate.

Communication with Peel Public Health

The Supervisor will provide staff/students/parents/essential visitors/vendors with <u>Peel Public Health's COVID-19</u> website for information on symptoms, <u>getting tested</u> and self-isolation.

Where an individual does not pass screening and is not permitted to attend the program, this does not need to automatically be reported to Peel Public Health.

Report failed self-screening to Peel Public Health when:

- Symptomatic individuals decline COVID-19 testing and have not sought a health care provider assessment, or
- A household member with COVID-19 symptoms has not been tested for COVID-19.

Appendix I outlines the confirmed steps for child care providers when a child or staff person becomes ill. **Appendix II** outlines the information currently available as related to school board requirements for reporting cases. This document should act as the connecting protocol between the two sets of reporting requirements.

Illness Reporting to the Ministry of Education

Child care providers are required under the *Child Care and Early Years Act, 2014* to report suspected or confirmed cases of COVID-19 to the Ministry of Education as serious occurrences in the Child Care Licensing System (CCLS).



The school reopening guide indicates that school boards must report daily any suspected or confirmed cases within the school community to the Ministry. An online tool will be available for this purpose and no personal information will be collected by the Ministry.

Ongoing Collaboration

As child care providers and school boards work through implementation of their individual reopening guidance policies and guidelines, ongoing discussions at the executive and school-levels will enhance this transition. Early Years and Child Care Services is committed to supporting an integrated approach between child care and schools.

APPENDIX I - Child Care Illness Reporting to Peel Public Health

Where an individual does not pass screening and is not permitted to attend the program, this does not need to automatically be reported to Peel Public Health.

Report failed self-screening to Peel Public Health when:

- Symptomatic individuals decline COVID-19 testing and have not sought a health care provider assessment, or
- A household member with COVID-19 symptoms has not been tested for COVID-19.

For ill individuals, the child care centre to ensure that:

- the ill staff/student/child and any siblings of the ill child attending the child care centre are excluded from the child care centre for 14 days (unless tested negative or an alternative diagnosis by a health care provider is made. Proof of a negative test or a medical note is not required).
- other children and staff in the centre who had close contact with the child or staff person who became ill should remain grouped together in the same group. They can continue attending the child care centre. Peel Public Health will contact the child care centre with further direction if Peel Public Health has been notified of a case of COVID-19.
- The Re-Entry Screening Form For Previously III Individuals may be used.
- Wait to communicate about the situation to staff and other parents unless you hear from Peel Public Health that there is a probable or confirmed COVID-19 case in your child care centre.
- Ill children or staff who have been identified as a close contact to a confirmed case of COVID-19 should be excluded from the child care setting for 14 days after their last exposure, even if they have tested negative.
- If the child care centre is located in a shared setting (e.g. in a school), follow Peel Public Health's advice on notifying others using the space of a confirmed or probable case.



APPENDIX II - School Board Reporting Suspected and Confirmed Cases

Schools must immediately report any suspected or confirmed cases of COVID-19 within the school to the local public health unit. Schools must provide any materials (for example, daily attendance and transportation records) to public health officials to support contact tracing and other activities in accordance with all applicable legislation, including the <u>Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act</u>.

Public health officials will determine any additional steps required, including but not limited to the declaration of an outbreak and closure of classes and/or schools. Every day school boards must report suspected and confirmed cases within the school community to the Ministry.

Principals must:

- communicate about the status of COVID-19 cases in their schools in keeping with ministry guidance and relevant privacy legislation.
- maintain a dedicated contact in the local public health unit and a list of the locations of the closest COVID-19 assessment sites.



Appendix C – Additional Information for Community-Based Child Care Centres Operating Before and After School Programs

Before and After School Programs

Limiting Interaction Between Different Groups

Where children from different schools must interact to participate in before and after school care, child care providers make efforts to limit interactions between children from different schools, to the greatest extent possible. Best practices to limit interactions between children from different schools and reduce transmission of COVID-19 may include:

- Making best efforts to group the before and after school program groups with children from the same school; and
- Making use of large, well-ventilated spaces (e.g. gymnasium) or outdoor spaces as much as
 possible for the before and after school programs.

Communication with Families

 Providers must share with parents the policies and procedures regarding health and safety protocols for COVID-19, including requirements and exceptions related to masks.

Screening

- The before and after school program provider must inform all parents/guardians whose children are placed in the program of the enhanced health and safety measures including the screening requirements in place in the core school program prior to the child beginning the program.
- An individual who has been screened for symptoms prior to the before school program would not need to be re-screened for the core day program. Similarly, an individual that has been screened prior to the before school program or core day program, would not need to be re-screened for the after-school program.
 - Parents/guardians will be held accountable to complete the self-screen on children prior to their arrival at school as directed by the <u>School Board protocol</u>. Once at school, if these children attend before and/or after-school programs, they will not be required to complete further screening to enter the child care programs.
- A self-screen as part of the school screening requirements is acceptable to be able to enter after-school programs.

Pick up and Drop off Procedures

- Develop procedures that support physical distancing and separate groups of students as best as possible during transportation and entry into the program (i.e., children of one room enter door A and children of another room enter door B, or staggered entrance times).
- If the before and after school program is located off school premises and transportation is being provided by the school board, the school board should work with the provider to explore transportation considerations using relevant health and safety protocols, including the recently released <u>quidance for student transportation</u>.



- If transportation is provided by the child care provider, the provider should ensure that children from the same group remain together, and limit interactions between children from different schools to the greatest extent possible.
 - Transportation vehicles operated by providers should follow the recently released guidance for student transportation.

Cleaning

- Shared spaces (i.e. classroom/washroom) should be cleaned and disinfected (high touch surfaces at a minimum) before children enter to prevent them from touching contaminated surfaces.
- Staff may consider scheduling outdoor play during the time that the cleaning and disinfecting takes place.

Reporting of Illness

- Staff must ensure that all children in care are monitored for illness, with a temperature taken
 as necessary, including for signs and symptoms of COVID-19 in accordance with the
 Outbreak Management for COVID-19 Related Symptoms policy.
- Screening results should only be shared with those needed to conduct contact tracing to manage the outbreak and close contacts to protect medical privacy.



Part 2: Resources for Licensed Child Care Centres



Active Screening Poster





Active COVID-19 screening in effect

- Only staff, children and essential visitors who have cleared COVID-19 screening can enter the child care centre.
- Parents/guardians please do not enter the child care centre. A staff member will greet you outside and escort your child(ren) into the centre.

Please apply hand sanitizer immediately after screening.

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Get updates on COVID-19: peelregion.ca

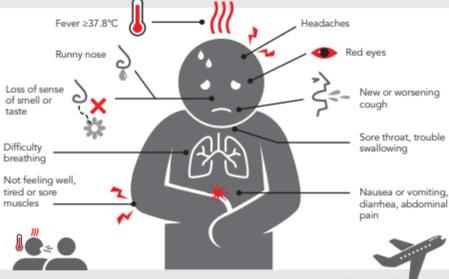




COVID-19

Before you enter

Do you have ONE or more of the following symptoms?



Have you had close contact with a person who is sick or has COVID-19 in the past 14 days?

Have you travelled outside of Canada in the past 14 days?

If you answered YES to any of these symptoms or questions, please do not enter the building at this time.

Self-isolate at home and take the online COVID-19 self-assessment or speak with your health care provider to find out if you need a test.

For more information visit peelregion.ca/coronavirus or for self assessment covid-19.ontario.ca/self-assessment











Hand Washing and Use of Personal Protective Equipment Posters





novel coronavirus (COVID-19)

Stop infection Wear a mask

Peel Public Health recommends wearing a non-medical mask when it's hard to maintain physical distance from others.



Before putting on your mask, wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or use alcohol-based hand sanitizer.



Secure the elastic loops or ties of the mask around your ears.



Cover your mouth and nose with the mask and make sure there are no gaps between your face and the mask.



Do not touch the front of the mask while you wear it. If you accidentally touch your mask, clean your hands.



To take off the mask, remove the elastic loops or ties of the mask from around your ears.



Hold only the loops or strings and place the mask in a garbage bin with a lid, or if reusable, directly into the laundry.



Wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or use alcohol-based hand sanitizer after you have discarded your mask.

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For more information visit peelregion.ca/coronavirus











Peel Public Health Contact Information

For Reports of Illness

Contact: 905-799-7700, Caledon 905-584-2216

Call Centre Business Hours:

- 8:30 a.m. 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday
- Please Note: from 8:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m. you may encounter a delay during this time.
- To report a positive COVID-19 case after hours or on the weekend, please contact Peel Public Health at 905-799-7700.

When calling to report illness, please indicate that you are a licensed child care centre.

For Other Questions

For other public health-related questions about the COVID-19 Enhanced Health and Safety Protocols:

Contact: 905-791-7800, Toll-free: 1-888-919-7800

Business Hours: 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday

COVID-19 Assessment Centres

For more information on COVID-19 Assessment Centres including testing criteria, hours of operation and procedures, please visit the Provincial website: https://covid-19.ontario.ca/assessment-centre-locations/

Please Note:

- Since the hours and testing criteria/eligibility of Assessment Centres may change, please contact the Assessment Centre or visit their website to confirm.
- Not all Assessment Centres will test babies/small children.
- In Mississauga, children <u>under the age of 1</u> can only be tested in the emergency departments at Mississauga Hospital and Credit Valley Hospital.
- In Brampton and Caledon, children <u>2 years of age or under</u> can only be tested in the emergency departments at Brampton Civic Hospital and Headwaters Health Care Centre.

Mississauga

Trillium Health Partners Assessment Centres

Mississauga Hospital Clinical Administrative Building 15 Bronte College Court Mississauga, ON J4Y 0K7

Credit Valley Hospital Valley House 2200 Erin Mills Parkway Mississauga, ON L5M 7S4

Brampton

South Fletcher's Sportsplex

500 Ray Lawson Blvd Brampton, ON L6Y 5B3 North parking lot

Caledon

Headwaters Health Care Centre

(Hard-sided tent located at the top parking lot) 140 Rolling Hills Drive Orangeville, ON L9W 4X8