



PLAN FOR SICK CHILDREN, EDUCATORS, OR PARENTS WITH POSSIBLE COVID-19 OR EXPOSURE TO COVID-19

CHILDREN

If a child begins to experience symptomatic symptoms of COVID -19 while attending the centre or home child care setting the following plan will be implemented:

- Immediately physical distance the child from others to the designated room space which should be equipped with a hand sink supplied with liquid soap and paper towels or hand sanitizer and facial tissue (centre: either in the office or if an empty room is available, rm #134).

Open doors or windows in designated isolation room to increase air circulation, if possible

Ensure hand sanitizer and tissues are available

- The child will be supervised by an educator keeping 2 metres apart.
- If unable to keep 2 metres apart, it is recommended the educator wear a surgical/procedural mask should be worn by the symptomatic child, if over 2 years of age, wear a mask if able to tolerate. Full PPE should be worn by the staff member who takes care of the symptomatic child.
- If the child is very ill, call 911 and inform the operator that it is a possible case of COVID-19. All rooms where symptomatic child was present must be cleaned and disinfected immediately, in addition to high traffic areas such as bathrooms and frequently touched items/surfaces
- Notify the parents to come and pick up the child and remind them the child must be excluded from the centre for 24 hours after the last symptom was experienced. Anyone with symptoms should not come to the Centre. Symptomatic staff and children should be sent for testing. Those who test negative for COVID-19 must be excluded from the program until 24 hours after symptom resolution. Those who test positive for COVID-19 must be excluded from the program for 14 days after the onset of symptoms and clearance has been received.
- Notify the local Public Health Unit of a potential case to seek advice to prevent/limit virus transmission and what information should be shared with other parents of children in the care setting.
- If the case is confirmed to be COVID -19, children and educators working in that child's specific group should be excluded from the centre for 14 days.
- The situation will be reported as a serious occurrence to the Ministry of Education within 24 hours; the comments will include that the situation is Covid-19 related. Any staff and children who have been in contact with a suspected COVID-19 case should be monitored for symptoms and cohorted (grouped) until test results are confirmed

PARENTS:

If a parent of a child that attends the program is exposed to COVID-19 or experiences symptoms of COVID-19 the following plan will be implemented:

- The parent must exclude their children from the program for 14 days.

Recommend that the parent do the Ontario online self-assessment and follow the directions, which may include going to an assessment centre for testing <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/self-assessment/>

- The supervisor/ECE consultant or executive director will inform the Health Unit of the potential case and follow any advice that is given on preventing/limiting virus transmission and what information should be shared with parents of children and educators at the centre.

EDUCATORS

If an educator or person that resides in the home child care setting begins to experience symptoms of COVID-19 while working, the following plan will be implemented:

- The educator will immediately put on a mask to protect those in the area.
- The educator will inform the supervisor/ECE consultant or executive director and remove themselves from the children and any other adults (if applicable) as soon as possible while ensuring the children are supervised at all times.
- Coverage for a centre educator will be arranged as quickly as possible to allow the sick educator to leave the premises by the most direct route.
- Home providers, if well enough to do so, will contact families immediately to pick up the children in care; if unable to do so, the ECE consultant will contact the families.

Symptomatic staff should be sent for testing. Those who test negative for COVID-19 must be excluded from the program until 24 hours after symptom resolution. Those who test positive for COVID-19 must be excluded from the program for 14 days after the onset of symptoms and clearance has been received from the local Public Health Unit

- The educator may consult with the local Public Health Unit to determine next steps. (call HKPRD Health Unit COVID line 1-866-888-5-4577 x5020)
- The educator will report back to the supervisor/ECE consultant with the expected date of return.
- The supervisor/ECE consultant or executive director will notify the local Public Health Unit to the potential case to seek advice to prevent/limit virus transmission and what information should be shared with parents of children and colleagues at the centre.
- If the case is confirmed to be COVID-19 children and educators working in that educator's specific group or home should be excluded from care for 14 days.
- The situation will be reported as a serious occurrence to the Ministry of Education within 24 hours; the comments will include that the situation is Covid-19 related.