

MEMORANDUM

TO: Child Care Facilities in Niagara

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REFERENCE: Enhanced Public Health Measures for Novel Coronavirus COVID-19

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We want to give you an update during this rapidly evolving and fluid pandemic situation.

Niagara Region Public Health and Emergency Services recommends that child care centres and March Break camps stay open if possible, in order to serve the needs of families across Niagara.

We want to make sure you are aware that the Chief Medical Officer of Health has issued a directive that any students attending a child care centre who are returning from travel from outside of Canada:

- Must **NOT** return to child care centres
- Must self-isolate and self-monitor for COVID-19 symptoms for 14 days upon return
- If symptoms develop, they must immediately call Niagara Region Public Health at 905-688-8248 ext.7019

We update our website frequently as new information is confirmed. Please encourage your staff / family inquiries to visit our [Novel Coronavirus COVID-19 webpage](#).

For further information, please contact Niagara Region Public Health, Novel Coronavirus Info Line at **1-888-505-6074** or **905-688-8248 ext. 7019** Monday to Friday 9 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.