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 Niagara Region Public Health
Child Care Manual, Fifth Addition, Niagara Public Health
Child Care and Early Years Act, 2014.
Operational Guidance During COVID-19 Outbreak, Child Care Re-opening Version 2-July 2020, Ministry of Education.
 Ontario Regulation 137/15.
College of Early Childhood Educators Code of Ethics and Standards of Practice For registered early childhood educators in Ontario, July 2017
Early Childhood Educators Act, 2007

Intent: Set out expectations and guidance for staff and families during COVID-19.

Definition: In order to meet operational guidance requirements by the ministry of Education during COVID- 19 outbreak the following the requirements and documents will be utilized by all staff working in Regional Niagara centre based child care programs.

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Health Screen Checks

- Children's Services, Direct Operations electronic COVID-19 screening can be used by children/staff/visitors that have smart devices.
- The electronic screening option complies with the Ministry of Health's recommended set of health screening questions for school and child care.
- Links can be saved to your phone's home screen ensuring that it is conveniently accessible for daily use.
- Screening can be completed prior to children/staff/visitors arriving at the child care centre.
- Verification for each individual will be required with a child care staff viewing the "pass" result saved on smart device screen.
- An iPad will be available at each child care centre for those who do not have a mobile device and prefer to use the electronic option.
- Hard copy screens will be available at the child care centre in the event there are unforeseen technical issues.
- Retention of Health Screen Checks are no longer required to be retained in hard copy form on site, as advised by the Ministry of Education. This aligns with the Province of Ontario's COVID-19 School and Child Care Screening Tool process.
- Children's Services, Direct Operations, will follow Niagara Region's current Corporate Retention By-Laws regarding record keeping.

Community Programs (Sharing of the Directly Operated Child Care Centre Screens)

The following disclaimer must be used when providing external child care programs with the COVID-19 screening tool created by Niagara Region.

The attached screening tool was prepared by The Regional Municipality of Niagara ("Niagara Region") for use in connection with the operation of its emergency childcare centers in response to COVID-19 and is up-to-date as at October 8 and 9, 2020 as indicated on the screen. We are sharing this document as a matter of convenience with our community partners to the extent that it is helpful in assisting child care operators in developing their own screening procedures. Niagara Region does not accept any responsibility, duty or liability whatsoever for the accuracy or completeness of this tool or the information contained therein. Similarly, Niagara Region makes no representation or warranty as to the fitness of the tool for any particular purpose and child care operators remain solely responsible for ensuring they fulfill the requirements for screening and other health protection practices as directed by the Province or any other governmental authority. While Niagara Region Children's Services may share updates to the screening tool with our child care partners from time to time, Niagara Region does not guarantee




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person who reviews, relies upon or makes use of these materials and the information contained herein may incur, including any direct or indirect damages, incidental, special, consequential or punitive damages, and lost profits, revenues or savings.

Prior to re-opening, an attestation form will be completed and submitted to the Ministry of Education and the manager of Children’s Services.









Protocols

-  COVID-19 Cleaning Protocols Final Nov
-  COVID-19 Illness and Exposure Proto
-  COVID-19 Operations Protocol

Policy

-  Pandemic policy.pdf

Appendixes

-  COVID - 19 Visitor Log (CCC).docx
-  Pandemic Custodian Daily Che
-  Disinfecting Log landscape (CCC).doc
-  Screen Tracking Form Revised Nov 1
-  PPE Inventory.xlsx
-  External Partner Child Care Centre C
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