

MEMORANDUM

TO: Licensed Child Care Centres and Licensed Home Child Care Locations

FROM: Niagara Region Public Health and Emergency Services

REFERENCE: Online Reporting of COVID-19

DATE: February 5, 2021

Under the Health Protection and Promotion Act, licensed child care operators are required to report Diseases of Public Health Significance to their local public health units to prevent transmission of a communicable disease in a child care setting.

As a result of the large volume of COVID-19 laboratory results and in order to prioritize child care cases, Niagara Region Public Health has created a **COVID-19 reporting portal** for licensed child care centres and licensed home child care providers to allow for timely reporting of cases and timely follow up by a public health nurse.

To report COVID-19 staff or child care cases who work or attend your child care centre please go to <https://www.niagararegion.ca/health/covid-19/reopen/child-care.aspx>.

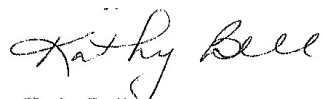
Upon completing this online form, an email will prompt a public health nurse that a lab result received attends or works at a Child Care Centre and will ultimately escalate the respective lab result in our database for more timely follow up. If a parent or staff member identifies that they have already received a phone call from NRPH, there is no online reporting required.

This portal is not to be used for individuals who are contacts of cases.

For more information you may call the NRPH COVID-19 Info-Line to talk to a public health professional Monday to Friday, 9:15 a.m. to 7:15 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday, 9:15 a.m. - 4:15 p.m. at 905-688-8248 or 1-888-505-6074, press 7

We hope this improved reporting process will support licensed Child Care Centres across Niagara going forward

Sincerely,



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