

Coronavirus (COVID-19)

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A MESSAGE FOR EDUCATIONAL CHILDCARE SERVICE PROVIDERS

As the premier announced today at his daily press briefing, the changing health situation in the Montreal Metropolitan Community (MMC) requires revising the plan to gradually reopen the childcare services network in order to best ensure the health and safety of the children, their parents and the childcare staff.

Thus, for the MMC region, the first phase of reopening will now start on May 25. During this phase, the facilities will be able to take in 30% of the number of children indicated on their permit. Up to 50% may be accommodated, for example, to ensure a place for children having attended an emergency childcare centre (essential services, notably in the health and social services network) and not having attended any childcare centre before the pandemic began, as well as a place for vulnerable children. During this first phase, in a home childcare facility, four children may be accommodated by a home childcare provider with or without an assistant.

We realize that these changes involving MMC childcare services may require the centres concerned to reconsider existing plans and to contact parents again.

With all of us having Quebecers' health at heart, we know, however, that we can count on your diligence during this gradual return to normal.

Supplying of masks and protective eyewear

Concerning the arrangements for supplying masks and visors to recognized childcare centres, you will find enclosed with this bulletin the following documents:

- *Procedure for the receiving and supplying of personal protective equipment*
- *Distribution procedure – Distribution coordinating offices (first wave)*
- *Collection procedure – Educational childcare centres (first wave)*

This supply operation will be carried out thanks in particular to the cooperation of some 100 home childcare coordinating offices designated to ensure the distribution of equipment.

Delivery of equipment will begin on Friday, May 8 for childcare services located in cold zones.

We wish to thank the coordinating offices for their invaluable work that will ensure that protective equipment is supplied to all staff within the educational childcare network.

Additional information

If you have any questions, we invite you to consult the following websites:

- <https://www.mfa.gouv.qc.ca/fr/services-de-garde/coronavirus-fermeture-sdg/Pages/index.aspx>
- <https://www.quebec.ca/sante/problemes-de-sante/a-z/coronavirus-2019/>

If you do not find answers to your questions on these sites, you are invited to contact the Ministry's Customer Service and Complaint Centre by dialling 1 855 336-8568 (toll-free) between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday to Friday.