

# Coronavirus (COVID-19)

INFORMATION BULLETIN, MAY 22, 2020

FOR EDUCATIONAL CHILDCARE PROVIDERS

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## 1- IMPORTANT! USE OF PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

The Direction de la santé publique **has recommended wearing a protective mask when around children. Masks have a service life of four hours.** This means that on any given work day, a person will need from one to three masks. It is important at all times to follow the instructions regarding the proper use of personal protective equipment (PPE).

The PPE provided by the Ministère de la Famille (MFA) was delivered to the home childcare coordinating offices, which have already distributed it to childcare facilities or are in the process of completing delivery. **The directors of the facilities are required by law to make this equipment available to all staff as soon as it is received.**

## 2- REMINDER – CHILDCARE FACILITIES LOCATED OUTSIDE THE MONTREAL METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY AND THE RCM OF JOLIETTE: PHASE 2 BEGINS ON MAY 25, 2020

As mentioned in the April 27, 2020 information bulletin, childcare facilities located **outside** the territory of the [Montreal metropolitan community](#) (CMM) and the [regional county municipality \(RCM\) of Joliette](#) will move on to phase 2 of the re-opening on May 25, 2020.

For these childcare facilities, this means that:

- all facilities will be able to receive 50% of the number of children indicated on their permit;
- in home-based daycares, there will be no change between the preceding phase and this new phase. Four children can still be received.

We encourage childcare facilities that are not yet receiving 50% of the number of children indicated on their permit to communicate with the parents of children who were attending their facility on March 13, 2020 and to whom they could not offer a space during

phase 1 because they were following the prioritization criteria sent to them earlier and basing their decisions on the parents' needs as reported in the questionnaire they completed at the end of April 2020.

Childcare facilities with more spaces available than demand are **STRONGLY** urged to post their temporary spaces on the website of the single-window access to childcare services, La Place 0-5 (the special COVID-19 page).

Lastly, if the health situation allows, phase 3 (operating at 75% capacity) for childcare facilities **outside** the territory of the Montreal metropolitan community and the RCM of Joliette should begin on June 8, 2020.

### **3- RESUMPTION OF INSPECTION ACTIVITIES**

The MFA wishes to inform you that, financial inspections of subsidized daycare facilities (permit holders or home childcare providers) resumed on May 18, 2020 at the same time as the phased re-opening of childcare facilities. The finalization of the inspection files of the coordinating offices also resumed at that time. Administrative requests in this regard may therefore be sent to the childcare facilities and coordinating offices concerned.

If you do not find the answers to your questions on these websites, please call the Centre des services à la clientèle et des plaintes of the MFA at the toll-free number 1-855-336-8568, between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday