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INFORMATION BULLETIN, JUNE 10, 2020

FOR EDUCATIONAL CHILDCARE PROVIDERS

1- REMINDER: PARENTS ENTITLED TO KEEP THEIR SPACE WITHOUT PAYING A CONTRIBUTION OR A PENALTY

Pursuant to Order in Council 505-2020 dated 6 May 2020, parents who elect not to send their child to his or her childcare provider, or who cannot do so due to restrictions on the number of children that can be accommodated, are entitled to keep their space without being required to pay a contribution or a penalty.

This right continues until the restrictions on the number of children to whom childcare may be provided are lifted (for now, expected to take place on June 22, 2020 in cold zones and on July 13, 2020 in hot zones), or until the expiry of the childcare agreement signed, whichever comes first.

In addition, this parental right exists regardless of what is stated in the service agreement. All educational childcare providers (childcare centres (CPE), daycare centres, and persons recognized as providing home childcare) are therefore legally bound to respect this right, failing which they may be subject to a **fine of \$1,000 to \$6,000** under the *Public Health Act*.

2- POSTPONEMENT OF THE DATE FOR SUBMITTING THE 2019-2020 ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT (AFR)

On April 6, 2020, the Ministère de la Famille (MFA) announced that it was postponing the deadline for submission of the 2019-2020 AFR to July 31, 2020 due to the constraints imposed by the COVID-19 pandemic. The situation called for a re-examination of this date, and the deadline for filing the 2019-2020 AFR with the MFA has now been postponed again to September 30, 2020 to allow the auditors to perform their audits within a reasonable timeframe. Despite the postponement to September 30, 2020, educational childcare establishments may submit their 2019-2020 AFRs before the deadline, depending on their situation.

3- START OF PHASE 2 OF THE RE-OPENING OF EDUCATIONAL CHILDCARE SERVICES IN HOT ZONES

As planned, educational childcare providers in the Montreal metropolitan community (CMM), regional county municipality (RCM) of Joliette, and the municipality of L'Épiphanie will be allowed to start the second phase of their re-opening on Monday, June 15, 2020. Please refer to the table published in the May 28, 2020 edition of the Bulletin for the operating capacity and ratios to apply during the different phases of the re-opening.

4- OUTDOOR PLAY MODULES

On May 30, the Government announced the re-opening of outdoor public spaces such as outdoor public swimming and wading pools, the washrooms at these facilities, and the play modules in public parks, including splash pads. In keeping with this government decision, the MFA now authorizes educational childcare facilities to use their outdoor play modules while following the health guidelines.

See the following: <https://www.canada.ca/fr/sante-canada/services/medicaments-produits-sante/desinfectants/covid-19/liste.html>.

5- CLARIFICATION ABOUT THE “JETRAVAILLE!” JOB BOARD

The June 9, 2020 Information Bulletin provided information about the new “*Jetravaille!*” job board. Please note that the **job board remains accessible to employers beyond June 9, 2020** to allow them to post listings of the jobs they need to fill in their establishments.

You are invited to register on the “*Jetravaille!*” job board as of now!

<https://www.quebec.ca/emploi/offres-d-emploi/besoins-urgents-covid-19>

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sure to always consult the latest version of the Bulletin because the information on any given topic is likely to be updated as the situation evolves.

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.