

ABC MONTESSORI PARENT/GUARDIAN COVID-19 SCREENING AGREEMENT FOR CHILD CARE

What is COVID-19?

COVID-19 is a new strain of coronavirus that has not been previously seen in humans. The virus can cause symptoms like the common cold but can advance, in some cases, to severe respiratory illness or even death. COVID-19 can be spread from person to person, usually after close contact with someone infected with the virus.

Health and Illness Protocol for COVID-19

Children who are ill should not attend the child care setting.

Children should not attend child care if any member of their household is:

- **ill with COVID-19 symptoms OR**
- **isolating as a close contact of someone with COVID-19**

To manage the risk of spreading illness within the child care setting, Peel Public Health has provided direction on health and safety measures that should take place within the child care setting including cohorting/grouping, cleaning/sanitation protocols, frequent hand washing and how to manage ill individuals. Peel Public Health also requires daily active screening of all individuals arriving at the child care setting.

ALL CHILDREN must be screened **DAILY**. Parents/guardians are required to report any symptoms in household members and should take the temperature of children attending child care prior to arriving at the child care setting. Parents/guardians will report the information to staff during the active screening process or during the self-assessment for children attending school. In addition to daily screening, all children will be monitored throughout the day for emerging signs or symptoms of illness. Staff must follow up with parents/guardians to determine the reason for any unplanned absences of their child such as illness or close contact with a positive COVID-19 case. If the absence is due to illness, they may ask parents/guardians to provide information on any symptoms experienced by their child.

Your COVID-19 screening results, including contact information, collected by the child care setting during the screening process, may be provided to Peel Public Health, to help manage and reduce the risk of spreading the COVID-19 virus in the child care setting.

As a Parent/Guardian, you can prevent the spread of illness by keeping your child(ren) home from the program if your child does not pass screening. **Any siblings (or any other children living in the same household) must also not attend school or child care and stay home.** If you, household members or your child(ren) experience signs or symptoms (not related to other known causes or conditions) described in the screening form, your child must not attend child care. **Note:** If the person experiencing symptoms received a COVID-19 vaccination in the last 48 hours and is only experiencing mild headache, fatigue, muscle aches, and/or joint pain that only began after vaccination, the child may attend child care provided they answer NO to all other screening questions. If the symptoms worsen, continue past 48 hours, or if they develop other symptoms, the child may not attend child care. **Children who have no symptoms and are fully vaccinated or have tested positive for COVID-19 in the last 90 days and have since been cleared do not need to stay home.**

If your child(ren) experiences **any** new or worsening COVID-19 signs or symptoms while at the child care setting, the staff will contact you or one of your emergency contacts to pick up your child(ren) **immediately**. While your child(ren) waits for you or your designate to arrive, they will be separated from the other children.

A COVID-19 test is strongly recommended for any family member experiencing symptoms (even if they are fully vaccinated) before the family can return to child care. The child(ren) and all household members including any siblings attending the child care setting should also self-isolate while waiting for the test results.

Individuals who have no symptoms and are fully vaccinated or have tested positive for COVID-19 in the last 90 days and have since been cleared do not need to isolate. **Fully vaccinated individuals** are individuals who have completed a Health Canada approved COVID-19 vaccine series or received all recommended doses of a COVID-19 vaccine that has been listed for emergency use by the World Health Organization AND it has been 14 days or more since receiving the full vaccine series (i.e., second dose of a two-dose series or a single dose of a one-dose series). An immunocompromised individual should continue to follow standard public health measures (e.g., self-isolate after having close contact with a COVID-19 case), whether they are fully vaccinated or not. Data is currently limited on vaccine effectiveness in this population.

- Children who have tested negative for COVID-19 or have an alternate diagnosis from their health care provider AND whose symptoms have been improving for at least 24 hours (48 hours for digestive issues such as nausea/vomiting, diarrhea, or stomach pain) can return to the child care setting after passing the daily screening process.
- Children who have tested positive for COVID-19 will follow the direction from Peel Public Health on when they can return to the child care setting.
- Children who did not get tested must be excluded from child care for 10 days from the start of their symptoms unless a health care provider has specifically not recommended COVID-19 testing or as directed by Public Health. Household members including siblings who are not fully vaccinated must isolate for 10 days from their last contact with the ill child before they went into self-isolation.
- Children who had close contact with a person with COVID-19 must self-isolate for 10 days from their last close contact with the person or as directed by Peel Public Health. Children are not required to isolate if they have no symptoms and are fully vaccinated or previously had COVID-19 in the past 90 days, recovered and were cleared from isolation by Public Health.
- If anyone in the child(ren)'s household is isolating as a close contact of someone who has COVID-19, the child(ren) must stay home for the duration of the household member's isolation period. Children who are fully vaccinated or have tested positive for COVID-19 in the last 90 days and have since been cleared are not required to stay home if they have no symptoms and are not immunocompromised. NOTE: If the household member was fully vaccinated prior to an exposure to COVID-19 OR the household member was asked to test for COVID-19 but not isolate (i.e., routine employment testing), the child(ren) are not required to stay home. Child(ren) are still required to stay home if the fully vaccinated household member has an immunocompromising condition.
- To care for a child's well-being and provide emotional support, the child and one caregiver can isolate together. For tips, please visit: [self isolation - Region of Peel \(peelregion.ca\)](https://www.peelregion.ca/self-isolation).

Staff will support the arrival and pick up routine for families. Upon arrival, once a child(ren) has completed active screening and been deemed able to enter the setting, staff will escort the child(ren) into the child care setting. Parents/guardians are discouraged from entering. Pick-up and drop-off of child(ren) will occur outside the child care setting unless it is determined that there is a need for a parent/guardian to enter.

To protect the health of all individuals at the child care setting, all children ages 2 and above are required to wear a non-medical or cloth mask while inside the child care setting.

Parents/guardians are responsible for providing their child(ren) with a mask(s). If your child is unable to wear a mask for any reason, please inform the child care staff. Reasonable exceptions are permitted including those who have trouble breathing, unable to wear a mask for medical reasons or unable to remove mask without assistance.

As a Parent/Guardian responsible for my child(ren)'s child care placement, I agree to the following:

- I have read and understood the above information;
- I understand the risk of illness associated with placing my child(ren) in child care services;
- I agree to all screening requirements and to accurately respond to all screening questions daily;
- I will not administer any medication to my child(ren) that may mask the symptoms of illness, such as Tylenol or Advil, prior to dropping my child(ren) off at the child care setting;
- I agree to exclude **all** of my children from child care **immediately** upon observing **any** of the above signs or symptoms of illness in any household member until medically deemed able to return to care OR if any of my children do not pass screening (except for children who have no symptoms and are fully vaccinated or have tested positive for COVID-19 in the last 90 days and have since been cleared);
- In the event of illness, I agree to verbally report to the child care centre any illness and any test results (positive or negative for COVID-19) and/or clearance by Peel Public Health immediately when known;
- I understand that all children age 2 and above are required to wear a non-medical or cloth mask while inside the child care setting. Parents/guardians are responsible for providing their children with masks; and
- I understand that failure to accurately respond to any screening requirement and/or misrepresentation of any health and safety requirement may result in the termination of my child care placement.

Parent/Guardian Name and Signature: _____

Date: _____

COVID-19 Screening
Notice with Respect to the Collection, Use and Disclosure of Personal Health Information

The information pertaining to your COVID-19 Screening is being collected, used and disclosed under the authority of the *Health Protection and Promotion Act R.S.O. 1990 c.H.7* and will be retained, used, disclosed and disposed of in accordance with all applicable municipal, federal and provincial laws and regulations governing the collection, use, disclosure and disposal of information including the *Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act R.S.O. 1990 c.M.56* and the *Personal Health Information Protection Act 2004 S.O. 2004 c.3*.

This information will be used by Peel Public Health to investigate the occurrence of COVID-19 in the Region of Peel, provide case management, follow-up with close contacts to assess the risk to others, program planning and evaluation. If you test positive for COVID-19, your result may be disclosed to your child care provider to reduce the risk of spreading the virus in a child care setting. Any questions, regarding this collection, use or disclosure may be directed to the Medical Officer of Health, Peel Public Health, 7120 Hurontario Street, P.O. Box 669 RPO Streetsville, Mississauga, Ontario, L5M 2C2, 905-791-7800.