COVID-19 Flowchart for Child Care Centres

Child/Staff Daily Screening

Child/Staff **passed** screening, can attend child care centre.

Child/Staff **failed** screening, not permitted into child care centre. Advise to self-isolate and seek medical assessment.

Child/Staff develops COVID-19 symptoms while attending child care

(e.g., fever, new or worsening cough, shortness of breath, sore throat, difficulty swallowing, loss of sense of smell/taste, nausea/vomiting, diarrhea, abdominal pain, runny nose or nasal congestion, fatigue, headache, chills, red eyes)

When to report to Public Health by calling 3-1-1:

- Confirmed case of COVID-19.
- Two or more children/staff sick with similar symptoms within the same classroom.

Symptom(s) are new and/or unusual for the child/staff.

- Isolate the child in a designated room.
- Require staff who became ill at work to immediately go home and seek medical assessment.
- Contact parent/caregiver to pick up child and sibling(s) immediately.
- Advise parent/caregiver to seek medical assessment for their child.
- Group together (i.e., maintain the cohort) other children and staff who were present when the child became ill.
- Remind parents/staff of precautions: hand hygiene, 2 metres apart, respiratory etiquette, and wearing masks.

Symptom(s) are recurring, there is an underlying reason for the symptom(s) (for example seasonal allergies).

Operator to advise individual to follow-up with primary health care provider to get documentation to be added to file within child care centre.

Operator required to adjust screening by looking for new or worsening symptoms. Call public health for guidance as needed.

Child/Staff received medical assessment.

COVID-19 testing required.

Negative Test Result

Child can return to the Centre once 24-hr symptom free.

Positive Test Result

Report case to Public Health. Child/staff to self-isolate for 14 days from symptom onset, or for 14 days from date of testing (if no symptoms). Public Health will contact all positive cases and will instruct when it is safe to return to the Centre.

COVID-19 Ruled Out by Physician

Prior to return, parent must attest to child care operator that follow-up has been conducted with a primary health care provider and it was determined that illness is not due to COVID-19.

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