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**TO:** Child Care Licensees  
Consolidated Municipal Service Managers and District Social Services  
Administration Boards (CMSMs and DSSABs)  
First Nations with Licensed Child Care Programs and Child and Family  
Programs

**FROM:** Phil Graham  
Assistant Deputy Minister  
Early Years and Child Care Division

**DATE:** October 18, 2021

**SUBJECT:** Updates to the Ministry of Health School and Child Care Screening Tool

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I am writing to notify you of a minor update made to the [COVID-19 school and child care screening tool](#) to provide further clarification on the [federal government's](#) return to child care requirements for children who are returning from international travel.

As outlined in the previous screening tool memo shared with partners on October 1, 2021, individuals returning from international travel may **not** attend school or child care for 14 days upon their return. While unvaccinated children under the age of 12 are exempt from federal quarantine if they travelled with a fully vaccinated companion, they may not attend school or child care for 14 days upon their return. Individuals with all other quarantine exemptions (e.g., travelling for cross-border custody arrangements; travelling for medical treatment) may continue to attend school or child care.

Copies of the new screener are available for download [here](#), and will be made available in multiple languages. These additional languages will be added online shortly.

We will continue to update the screening tool as public health guidance evolves and are committed to keeping our child care partners informed of any changes. We ask that you continue to work with your public health units to review your own screening materials to ensure that they meet the minimum requirements outlined in provincial guidance. Public health units continue to have the authority to implement additional measures based on local circumstances.

Thank you again for your continued support and collaboration in delivering safe and high-quality licensed child care and early years programs across Ontario.

Sincerely,

Phil Graham