

# COVID-19 CHILD CARE REMINDERS

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Dear York Region parents and guardians:

Thank you for continuing to complete the York Region COVID-19 School and Child Care School Screening Tool before sending your child(ren) to care every day. Your commitment to following public health measures keeps our loved ones and communities safe. We still need your help and would like to remind parents and guardians when to keep children home to ensure they are not bringing COVID into the child care setting.

We know it can be difficult to make arrangements to keep your child(ren) home if they are sick, but with the increase in children coming into child care with symptoms, it is essential to follow Public Health guidance. Your actions can help keep other families and staff in the child care centre safe.

## WHEN TO STAY HOME

- If a child has **ONE** symptom of COVID-19 **even if mild** they **must** stay home from child care and get tested for COVID-19 at a COVID-19 Assessment Centre or community testing site (note: all household members must also self-isolate)
- If anyone in the household has travelled outside of Canada, everyone **must** stay home from child care until the 14-day quarantine period has finished, except for essential reasons such as medical appointments, going to the pharmacy, getting groceries, etc.
- If anyone in the household is sick and has not tested negative for COVID-19 or does not have an alternative diagnosis from a health care provider, all others in the household **must** stay home from child care until the results are known or an alternative diagnosis is provided
- If someone in the household is identified as a high-risk/close contact of a confirmed COVID-19 case, the whole household is **required** to stay home for the 14-day self-isolation period

## SCREENING TOOL REMINDERS

- All children attending the child care centre are required to complete the York Region COVID-19 School and Child Care School Screening Tool daily
- Daily confirmation of a completed screening tool is required for all children attending the child care centre. Parents and guardians continue to be responsible for screening their children for symptoms of illness every day
- Daily screening should be completed in-person at the child care centre prior to entry to the child care centre if not already completed prior to arrival

## PUBLIC HEALTH

1-877-464-9675  
TTY 1-866-512-6228  
york.ca/COVID19



## YORK REGION ISOLATION CENTRE

York Region has a [COVID-19](#) Voluntary Isolation Centre available to residents who may not be able to safely self-isolate away from others in their household. The Centre is a great option for York Region residents looking to protect their family or household members from COVID-19.

There is no cost for eligible residents to stay at the Centre and each stay is **entirely voluntary**. Public Health recommends that you stay at the Centre for the full duration of your isolation period to keep your loved ones safe. The Centre is funded by the Provincial Government and operated by the Canadian Red Cross on York Region's behalf. Call Access York at 1-877-464-9675 ext. 72500 (TTY 1-866-512-6228), or email [accessyork@york.ca](mailto:accessyork@york.ca) to find out if you are eligible to self-isolate at the Centre and/or receive additional supports during your self-isolation period.

It is everyone's responsibility to ensure COVID-19 cases in York Region continue to decrease. We remind all residents to follow all public health advice and we thank you for doing your part to stop the spread of COVID-19.

For more information on child care centres please visit the [Province of Ontario's COVID-19: Reopening Child Care Centres](#). Information on family resources and supports are available on our [community resources page for COVID 19](#).

Thank you,

York Region Public Health

### COVID-19 Vaccine

We strongly encourage ALL parents and caregivers of children ages 0-5 years of age to book a vaccine appointment as soon as they are eligible at [york.ca/COVID19Vaccine](http://york.ca/COVID19Vaccine)

ALL parents and caregivers 18 years of age and older who **live or work** in the 16 high priority communities (L0J, L3L, L4H, L4J, L4K, L4L, L6A, L3T, L6B, L6C, L6E, L3S, L4B, L4C, L4E, L9N) are currently eligible for a COVID-19 vaccine.