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# COVID-19 PLAN FOR SICK CHILDREN & ADULTS WITH POSSIBLE COVID-19 OR EXPOSURE TO COVID-19 – Revised April 4th, 2022

### CHILDREN

If a child begins to experience symptoms of COVID -19 while attending the centre or home child care setting the following plan will be implemented:

- Immediately physical distance the child from others in the cohort (centre: segregated and supervised in the room or an empty room if available; home: supervised area of the home). Open doors or windows to increase air circulation. The isolation space is thoroughly disinfected after the child is picked up.
- The child will be supervised by a worker keeping 2 metres apart.
- A medical mask must be worn by the worker and child, if over 2 years of age and able to tolerate it. Have hand sanitizer and tissues available. If necessary, the worker may need additional PPE such a gown and gloves.
- If the child is very ill, call 911 and inform the operator that it is a possible case of COVID-19.
- Notify the parents to come and pick up the child.
- Parents will be given rapid tests kits (if wanted) and instructed to follow the <u>Covid-19: Integrated Testing & Case, Contact and Outbreak Management</u> <u>Interim Guidance: Omicron Surge</u> document regarding symptoms, medical advice, testing, and isolation procedures with either a positive or negative result.

https://www.health.gov.on.ca/en/pro/programs/publichealth/coronavirus/do cs/school\_childcare\_guidance\_omicron.pdf

• Rapid test kits come with instructions and a letter from the Ministry of Heath regarding usage. Note: individuals do not need to provide a medical note or proof of negative result to return to the program.



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 If a parent calls informing us their child has been identified as a close contact of someone who has tested positive for Covid-19 or to someone with Covid-19 symptoms, we will refer to Covid-19 Integrated Testing & Case, Contact and Outbreak Management Interim Guidance: Omicron Surge page 13. <u>https://www.health.gov.on.ca/en/pro/programs/publichealth/coronavirus/do</u> <u>cs/contact\_mngmt/management\_cases\_contacts\_omicron.pdf</u>

# ADULTS (Educators, including Centre Staff, Home Providers & any Person Residing in the Home Child Care Setting)

If an adult begins to experience symptoms of COVID-19 while at child care or in the home, the following plan will be implemented:

- The adult will immediately don a mask, if not already in place as required, to protect those in the area.
- The adult will inform the Supervisor/ECE consultant or executive director and remove themselves from the children and any other adults (if applicable) as soon as possible while ensuring the children are supervised at all times.
- Coverage for a centre worker will be arranged as quickly as possible to allow the sick worker to leave the premises by the most direct route.
- Home providers, if well enough to do so, will contact families immediately to pick up the children in care; if unable to do so, the ECE consultant will contact the families.
- Symptomatic workers can use their rapid test kits at home and follow Covid-19: Integrated Testing & Case, Contact and Outbreak Management Interim Guidance: Omicron Surge.
- If the case is confirmed to be COVID -19, follow the Covid-19: Integrated Testing & Case, Contact and Outbreak Management Interim Guidance: Omicron Surge.
- If a worker has been identified as a close contact of someone who has tested positive for Covid-19 or to someone with Covid-19 symptoms, we will refer to Covid-19 Integrated Testing & Case, Contact an Outbreak Management Interim Guidance: omicron Surge – page 13.

## REPORTING

• If absenteeism of both workers and/or children rise approximately to 30% above normal absenteeism, the centre or home may close. A report to the Ministry under Unplanned Disruption of Service will be sent and HKPR Health Unit will be notified.

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- Families will be notified of any closure via eblast with information from the local medical officer of health, on public health measures for families, staff/providers to follow.
- Important: The identity of the individuals is protected by privacy legislation and cannot be shared.