

SCHOOL DAYCARE SERVICES

MEMORY AID FOR PARENTS

The public health guidelines that apply to classes, and more broadly to the entire school, also apply to school daycare services.

Dividing children into groups and practising physical distancing

- In school daycare services, students stay with their regular stable class group. If this is not possible, another class group must be created. Students in the same stable class group do not have to maintain a physical distance between one another, and the same applies to these groups when using daycare services

For example, the same Elementary 3 and 4 students in a daycare group should interact with the same educators, Monday to Friday, morning, lunchtime and after school. Students in this stable daycare group would not have to remain physically distant from one another.

- Contact between the different stable groups will be limited. For example, adjustments might be made to the times for eating meals, carrying out activities in different rooms in the school, circulating in the building, etc.
- These rules also apply on pedagogical days and during activities taking place during daycare hours. The stable class groups or stable daycare groups, as the case may be, must remain the same.

Protection measures

- Outdoor activities should be favoured.
- Daycare staff must wear the appropriate protective equipment at all times, in accordance with the guidelines issued by the public health authorities and the CNESST.

- A 2-metre physical distance must be maintained between adults and students.
 - Daycare educators who work with preschool students must wear personal protective equipment and therefore are not required to maintain a physical distance.
- Students in Elementary 5 and 6 must wear a face covering (or homemade mask) when circulating in the building or when they come into contact with other stable class groups or stable daycare groups.
- Parents and all other visitors must wear a face covering at all times.

Sanitary and disinfection measures

- The usual prevention measures (frequent handwashing, observing respiratory etiquette, etc.) must be followed.
- The sharing of objects and materials should be kept to a minimum.
- Materials should be cleaned and disinfected every time an individual student or a stable group has used them.
- Any child or staff member showing symptoms associated with COVID-19 must be refused access to daycare services.
 - If the symptoms associated with COVID-19 appear in the daycare over the course of the day, the procedure for educational institutions should be applied.

Monitoring at lunchtime: The aforementioned measures apply.

References:

- Workplace Sanitary Standards Guide for the School System (Preschool, Elementary, Secondary, General Adult Education and Vocational Training) – COVID-19
<https://www.cnesst.gouv.qc.ca/salle-de-presse/covid-19-info-en/Pages/toolkit-school-environment.aspx>
- Workplace Sanitary Standards Guide for Childcare Services – COVID-19
<https://www.cnesst.gouv.qc.ca/salle-de-presse/covid-19-info-en/Pages/toolkit-childcare-sector.aspx>
- COVID-19 : Nettoyage et désinfection de surfaces (in French only)
<https://www.inspq.qc.ca/publications/3054-nettoyage-desinfection-surfaces-covid19>
- General information about coronavirus disease (COVID-19)
<https://www.quebec.ca/en/health/health-issues/a-z/general-information-about-coronavirus/>