

Dear Childcare Centre Administrators,

As you may have heard, the province issued a Ministerial Order today to close all publicly funded schools in Ontario for two weeks following March break.

We received further guidance today from the province that child care centres have NOT been ordered to close (centres that are located within public schools will receive further guidance from the Ministry of Education).

Any students at your child care centre who are returning from travel from outside of Canada:

- Must NOT return to child care centres;
- Must [self-isolate](#) and [self-monitor](#) for COVID-19 symptoms (cold-like symptoms) for 14 days upon return;
- If symptoms develop, they must immediately call Halton Region Public Health at 311.

You will be required to perform passive screening through signage, and active screening, through questions and observation, every morning at your centre. The Ministry of Health has promised that further guidance and resources will be provided shortly to support you.

Sincerely,

Dr. Hamidah Meghani  
Medical Officer of Health, Halton Region

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