

March 4, 2021

Dear MCRC Families,

As you may know, asymptomatic COVID-19 testing has begun in schools within Halton and school boards are currently required to offer this testing at a minimum of five schools per week. Asymptomatic testing is an important layer of protection that helps track and prevent the spread of COVID-19. Increased testing may also help to reduce stress and anxiety related to the virus by identifying cases early and avoiding outbreaks. While there have been reports that the next phase of asymptomatic testing may include child care centres, we do not currently have any additional information in this regard.

MCRC continues to provide quality care to families in Milton while following COVID-19 protocols and ensuring the safety of our staff and families. Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, MCRC has actively reviewed, revised and updated our Business Continuity Plan to ensure that we can continue to provide essential services to Milton families and children during this time.

A key component of our Business Continuity Plan are our communication protocols and I would like to take this opportunity to let you know that should there be an outbreak at a MCRC location, all measures will be taken to protect the privacy of our staff, families and children. Any communication regarding an incident, outbreak, or positive COVID-19 case will be general in nature and will not contain any identifying information. If you or your child are directly impacted by a positive COVID-19 case or outbreak, you will be notified independently.

Should you have any questions or need further clarification, please contact the Supervisor of your child's program.

Sincerely,



Rebecca Barrows-Vrankulj
Executive Director