

Resource guide for licensed child care

Covid-19 immunization disclosure policy

Introduction

As announced on August 17, 2021, an immunization disclosure policy (“policy”) will be required for all publicly-funded school board employees, staff in private schools and licensed child care settings and other individuals frequently in these settings who may have direct contact with children, providers and/or staff, for the 2021-22 school year. Regular rapid antigen testing requirements will be in place for individuals who are not fully vaccinated against COVID-19. Individuals who do not intend to be vaccinated, without a documented medical reason, will be required to participate in an educational session about the benefits of COVID-19 vaccination.

Achieving high immunization rates in Ontario’s licensed child care sector through vaccination is part of a range of measures and actions that can help prevent and limit the spread of COVID-19 in licensed child care. Vaccination against COVID-19 helps reduce the number of new cases, and, most importantly, severe outcomes including hospitalizations and death due to COVID-19.

The Chief Medical Officer of Health intends to issue instructions for the licensed child care sector (“instructions”) that require all child care licensees to have a COVID-19 immunization disclosure policy.

The objectives of the instructions and policy are to:

- support safer child care settings in Ontario;
- set out a provincially consistent approach to COVID-19 immunization disclosure policies;
- optimize COVID-19 immunization rates in licensed child care;
- ensure that individuals have access to information required to make informed decisions about COVID-19 vaccination; and,
- ensure that individuals who are not fully vaccinated against COVID-19 are being routinely tested for COVID-19.

Appendix 2

Resources

Resources to support the creation of a licensee's educational session

English Only

[COVID-19 Vaccines for Ontario](#) (Ontario Ministry of Health)

[COVID-19 Vaccine Facts](#) (Ontario Ministry of Health)

[Gashkiwidoon toolkit: Covid-19 Vaccine Implementation](#) (Indigenous Primary Health Care Council)

[Ontario's doctors answer COVID-19 vaccine questions](#) (Ontario Medical Association)

[Updates on COVID-19](#) (National Collaborating Centre for Indigenous Health)

Bilingual – English and French

[Building Confidence in Vaccines](#) [English] / [Accroître la confiance à l'égard des vaccins](#) [French] (Public Health Ontario)

[Communicating effectively about immunization: Canadian Immunization Guide](#) (Government of Canada)

[Communication efficace concernant l'immunisation : Guide canadien d'immunisation](#) (Government of Canada)

[COVID-19 Info](#) [English] (Immunize Canada) / [Informations sur la COVID-19 pour le grand public](#) [French] (Immunisation Canada)

[COVID-19 vaccines and workplace health and safety: Learn how COVID-19 vaccines help protect you and make your workplace safer](#) [English] and [Les vaccins contre la COVID-19 et la santé et la sécurité au travail: Découvrez comment les vaccins contre la COVID-19 contribuent à vous protéger et à rendre votre lieu de travail plus sécuritaire](#) [French] (Ontario Ministry of Labour, Training and Skills Development)

[COVID-19: Vaccines | Centre for Effective Practice - Digital Tools](#) (Centre for Effective Practice)

Multilingual

[COVID-19: Vaccine Resources](#) and in [American Sign Language](#) (City of Toronto)

[Coronavirus disease \(COVID-19\): Awareness resources](#) (Government of Canada)

[COVID-19 Vaccines Explained](#) (World Health Organization)

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