

LIFTING OF HEALTH AND SAFETY MEASURES

EARLY ON CHILD AND FAMILY CENTRES

FAMILY RESOURCE PROGRAMS

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Masking & Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

- Masks will no longer be required for staff, students on educational placements, children and all other adults (parents/caregivers/visitors).
- Eye protection for staff is also no longer required.
- As some EarlyON Centre staff and students on educational placements may choose to continue to wear masks and/or eye protection, the government will continue to provide these through monthly PPE deliveries.

Lifting of Grouping and Distancing

- Physical distancing will no longer be required in EarlyON Child and Family Centres and Family Resource Programs.
- Grouping will no longer be required between children, both indoors and outdoors. Shared spaces can be fully utilized without distancing measures.

Screening for Symptoms

- All individuals entering EarlyON Centres and Family Resource Centres are encouraged to continue to self-screen every day before attending the program using the provincial screening tool, or a screening tool designated by the local public health unit.

Pre-registering for Programs and Services

- Families are no longer required to reserve and/or register in advance of participating in EarlyON Child and Family programs, or Family Resource programs and services. Providers may remove this requirement from their centre policies and processes as it relates to Covid 19.

Child Minding and Respite Child Care

- Restrictions to child minding and respite child care are now lifted.

Additionally, as of March 1, 2022, all provincial proof of vaccination requirements have been lifted for broader community and recreational settings, including the community use of schools, where some EarlyON programs may operate. In addition, effective March 14th, the instructions issued by the Ontario Chief Medical Officer of Health related to vaccination disclosure policies have been revoked across all sectors.

EarlyON Centres are encouraged to support access for all children and families by offering a variety of programs, including indoor/outdoor and/or the provision of virtual services, where possible, so that all children and families can continue to access programs where they are most comfortable.

We are encouraged to consult with local public health units on these changes and for any additional guidance. The Ministry will continue to share updates as required, regarding EarlyON Child and Family Centres and Family Resource Programs.