



Department of Education and Early
Childhood Learning

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To: Early Learning and Child Care Facilities

Subject: Pandemic Staffing Support Benefit

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Procedure

Effective Date: Immediately

Since November 2020, the Pandemic Staffing Support Benefit has provided assistance to organizations for their additional staffing costs that cannot be accommodated from within their existing revenue / resources as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. **It has provided assistance in offsetting costs for overtime, sick time, staff replacement, recruitment and travel support. In addition, it has provided assistance in offsetting costs for contact tracing and notification for the period of December 1, 2021 through February 15, 2022 only.**

Please note that the Pandemic Staffing Support Benefit will be available for costs incurred up to and including March 31, 2022, at which time the funding program will end. All applications must be received by the Early Learning and Child Care Division no later than April 22, 2022.

Eligibility & Application

To be eligible for the Pandemic Staffing Support Benefit, child care facilities must be licensed and funded by the Department of Families for the delivery of early learning and child care services.

More information about the Pandemic Staffing Support Benefit, including eligibility criteria and the application form, is posted online at <https://www.gov.mb.ca/fs/pandemic-staffing-support-benefit.html>.