

**CIRCULAR**

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**To:** Early Learning and Child Care Facilities

**Subject:** Public Health Direction – Self-isolation (quarantine) - ELCC

**Program(s):** Early Learning and Child Care Program

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Procedure

**Effective Date:** Immediately

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While the province is under the Critical (red) response level on the #RestartMB Pandemic Response System, entire households needs to self-isolate (quarantine) pending COVID-19 test results. This directive was put in place by Public Health, with exemptions in place for some critical professions.

**Public health officials have confirmed that staff working in the early learning and child care sector who are a member of a self-isolating household but have no symptoms can continue to work as long as they wear appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE). However, outside of work, they should continue self-isolating (quarantining).**

Home-based child care facilities may continue to provide child care if the symptomatic household member is self-isolating and awaiting COVID-19 test results in a separate/ isolated location of the home and is not present at times when child care services are provided.

As a reminder, staff must not attend work if they are ill or exhibiting any cold/flu-like symptoms, even if the symptoms are very mild. The COVID-19 Screening Questions are available at: [www.gov.mb.ca/asset\\_library/en/coronavirus/covid19\\_screening\\_checklist.pdf](http://www.gov.mb.ca/asset_library/en/coronavirus/covid19_screening_checklist.pdf)

Individuals who have possible symptoms/suspected cases of COVID-19 based on the screening must contact Health Links – Info Santé at 204-788-8200 or 1-888-315-9257.

For those who are required to self-isolate (quarantine), information is available at: [https://www.gov.mb.ca/asset\\_library/en/covid/factsheet-isolation-selfmonitoring-returningtravellers-contacts.pdf](https://www.gov.mb.ca/asset_library/en/covid/factsheet-isolation-selfmonitoring-returningtravellers-contacts.pdf).

If you have symptoms, you must isolate. Information on how to isolate effectively is available at: [https://www.gov.mb.ca/asset\\_library/en/covid/factsheet-isolation-selfmonitoring-recoveringhome.pdf](https://www.gov.mb.ca/asset_library/en/covid/factsheet-isolation-selfmonitoring-recoveringhome.pdf).

For the latest provincial public health information on COVID-19, visit: [www.manitoba.ca/covid19](http://www.manitoba.ca/covid19)

Thank you for your continued efforts to providing a safe and caring environment for children.

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