

CIRCULAR

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To: **Early Learning and Child Care (ELCC) Facilities**

Subject: **After hours contact with ELCC facilities**

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Procedure

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Some ELCC facilities have already experienced COVID-19 first-hand, with staff or children testing positive for the virus.

The Department of Families has provided public health with contact information for child care facilities across the province, including facility and board chair phone numbers and email addresses as listed on Child Care Online. They will reach out to you to provide public health direction if an exposure has occurred and to support effective contact tracing. Senior management, board chairs and/or owner/operators should have a plan in place to check emails and voicemails after hours (including weekends), in case public health has reached out to advise of a suspected or confirmed COVID-19 case connected to their facility.

Thank you for your continued partnership and cooperation in this challenging time.

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