

SCHOOL DAYCARE SERVICES

MEMORY AID FOR THE ORGANIZATION OF SERVICES

The public health guidelines that apply to classes, and more broadly to the entire school, also apply to school daycare services.

Dividing children into groups and practising physical distancing

OPTION 1: MAINTAIN STABLE CLASS GROUPS

- In school daycare services, prioritize keeping students in their stable class group. Students in a stable class group do not have to maintain a physical distance between one another, and the same applies to these groups when using daycare services.

OPTION 2: CREATE STABLE GROUPS SPECIFICALLY FOR DAYCARE SERVICES

- If it is not possible to keep students in their stable class groups when using daycare services, create stable daycare groups that remain the same every day, throughout the day (morning, lunchtime and after school), for both students and staff.

For example, the same Elementary 3 and 4 students in a daycare group should interact with the same educators, Monday to Friday, morning, lunchtime and after school. Students in this stable daycare group would not have to remain physically distant from one another.

- These rules also apply on pedagogical days and during activities that take place during daycare hours. The stable class groups or stable daycare groups, as the case may be, must remain the same.

- The maximum 1-20 ratio stipulated in the *Regulation respecting childcare services provided at school* applies.
- Contact between the different stable groups must be limited. This can be achieved by adjusting the times for eating meals, carrying out activities in different rooms in the school, circulating in the building with the students, etc.

Protection measures

- Outdoor activities should be favoured.
- A 2-metre physical distance must be maintained between adults and students.
 - Daycare educators who work with preschool students are required to wear personal protective equipment (PPE) and therefore are not required to maintain a physical distance. For more information on the use of PPE, refer to the guide produced by the CNESST.
- All daycare staff are required to wear a face covering when circulating in the building, since maintaining a 2-metre physical distance is not possible.
 - Daycare staff must wear a medical mask (disposable mask) when approaching a student, however briefly, and regardless of the student's age.
- Students in Elementary 5 and 6 must wear a face covering (or homemade mask) when circulating in the building or when they come into contact with other stable class groups or stable daycare groups.
- Parents and all other visitors must wear a face covering at all times.

Sanitary and disinfection measures

- The usual prevention measures (frequent handwashing, observing respiratory etiquette, etc.) must be followed.
- The sharing of objects and materials should be kept to a minimum.
- Materials should be cleaned and disinfected every time an individual student or a stable group has used them.
 - The most frequently touched surfaces are more likely to be contaminated, and particular attention should be paid to how frequently and effectively they are cleaned and disinfected. For more information refer to the document on surface cleaning produced by the INSPQ (in French only): <https://www.inspq.qc.ca/publications/3054-nettoyage-desinfection-surfaces-covid19>.
- Any child or staff member showing symptoms associated with COVID-19 must be refused access to daycare services. Anyone showing symptoms of COVID-19 must immediately be isolated. Call 1-877-644-4545 and follow the instructions you are given. For more information on symptoms go to: <https://www.quebec.ca/en/health/health-issues/a-z/general-information-about-coronavirus/>.
 - If the symptoms associated with COVID-19 appear in the daycare over the course of the day, the procedure for educational institutions should be applied.

Monitoring at lunchtime: The aforementioned measures apply.

References:

- Workplace Sanitary Standards Guide for the School System (Preschool, Elementary, Secondary, General Adult Education and Vocational Training) – COVID-19
<https://www.cnesst.gouv.qc.ca/salle-de-presse/covid-19-info-en/Pages/toolkit-school-system.aspx>
- Workplace Sanitary Standards Guide for Childcare Services – COVID-19
<https://www.cnesst.gouv.qc.ca/salle-de-presse/covid-19-info-en/Pages/toolkit-childcare-sector.aspx>
- COVID-19 : Nettoyage et désinfection de surfaces (in French only)
<https://www.inspq.qc.ca/publications/3054-nettoyage-desinfection-surfaces-covid19>
- General information about coronavirus disease (COVID-19)
<https://www.quebec.ca/en/health/health-issues/a-z/general-information-about-coronavirus/>