

CIRCULAR

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To: Home based child care providers

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Topic: Screening for COVID-19

Per the most up to date public health information, home-based child care providers are safe to continue operating.

Please utilize the below screening questions to support you and the families you care for to maintain a healthy environment.

The following guidelines are provided to reduce risk of exposure to COVID-19. These may change based on emerging circumstances and information from public health officials.

Screening Questions

Please ask parents the following questions. These are based on screening questions used at health care centres

<https://sharedhealthmb.ca/files/covid-19-poe-screening-acute.pdf>.

- Has anyone in the child's home or a close contact been tested for COVID-19, and are either waiting for a test result or have had a positive result?
- Has anyone in your home travelled internationally, including to the United States?
- Do you or anyone in the home have cold or flu symptoms?
 - *If yes to the second question:* Have you travelled internationally, including to the United States, in the past 14 days? Then ask, *who is on self isolation and what date did self isolation start?*

To ensure clarity, ask when the person returned from travel and when did self isolation start (date) and who is self isolated.

If parents respond no to the above questions, proceed as normal in caring for the child(ren) at your home, practice social distancing to the extent possible while still caring for the children, frequent hand washing, and other general health prevention strategies. You can visit www.manitoba.ca/covid19 for information on prevention and updates on the evolving situation.

If parents respond yes to any of the above noted questions, their child should remain at home.

As a reminder, parents have been advised to keep all children home if they have a fever or other respiratory illness symptoms. Please notify parents that children will be sent home if they have any of these symptoms.

All screening for suspected cases of the virus are be referred to Health Links at 204-788-8200 or 1-888-315-9257. The most up to date information on COVID19 can be found at <https://www.gov.mb.ca/health/coronavirus/index.html>.

If you have any other questions, please contact your child care coordinator.

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