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**Date:**     October 16, 2020

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

**Subject:**     **Continuing Health Management and PPE Direction in ELCC**

**Program(s): ELCC**

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**Effective Date**     Immediately

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Effective October 16, 2020 Public Health is putting additional measures in place to prevent the spread of the COVID-19 virus in the Winnipeg Metropolitan Region.

The Department of Families works closely with Public Health to ensure that we have the appropriate health management measures in place for the continued protection of child care providers and the children in your care.

Dr. Roussin has confirmed that the ELCC sector is doing an outstanding job of doing everything you can to help prevent the spread of the virus. Due to your continued efforts, child care has continued to be available to working parents throughout the pandemic.

All child care providers in Manitoba are to continue to follow the guidance provided in the September 20, 2020 version of the ELCC Practice Guide, available online at https://www.gov.mb.ca/fs/pubs/covid-19-elcc-practice-guide-updated-sept-2020.pdf.

Child care facilities operating in the Winnipeg Metropolitan Region are to discontinue field trips at the direction of Public Health. Outdoor activities within the vicinity of your child care facility continue to be strongly encouraged by Dr. Roussin. All other guidance remains in place.

Please continue to follow the health management and Personal Protective Equipment direction provided by the department and continue to practice the fundamentals. Note that there is no change to the cohort sizes currently permitted in all Manitoba child care facilities.

We are committed to keeping you updated on COVID-19, and will continue to provide updated health management and personal protective equipment guidance to our sectors and staff. Your continued cooperation and dedication to the people we serve is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,
Kathryn Gerrard, Deputy Minister, Department of Families