

MEMO

Date: November 16, 2020

To: Early Learning and Child Care Facilities

From: Department of Families

Re: **FastCare disposable medical masks**

There appears to be some confusion about FastCare medical masks supplied by the Department of Families.

Please be assured that the FastCare masks provided by the department are safe to use and meet the specifications provided by Shared Health.

In a webinar held November 12, 2020, Dr. Roussin, the Chief Provincial Public Health Officer, commented that FastCare masks may be considered for replacement on a case-by-case basis.

We would like to clarify that this was not an indication that there are concerns with the quality of this brand of masks. It should be noted that FastCare masks have also been distributed to personal care homes and other sectors under the Department of Families. FastCare masks are safe medical grade masks and are not part of the recent recall of Technologist Choice masks sent last week ([Circular - 2020 - 186 COVID-19 Tech Choice Masks – recall](#)).

To request consideration for replacement of disposable masks, please email FAMIC@gov.mb.ca.

Thank-you