

Early Learning and Child Care Program

This document outlines the precautions implemented in regions that are designated Critical (red) per the Province of Manitoba's Pandemic Response System. These precautions will remain in effect until further notice.

Dr. Brent Roussin, Manitoba's chief provincial public health officer noted the province has not seen widespread transmission among children and staff in child care facilities.

There are no additional restrictions for child care facilities at this time. In child care centres, the cohort size is unchanged and remains at 30 children plus staff. Home-based child care facilities may also continue to operate.

The requirement for centre staff across Manitoba to wear medical-grade masks continues (see *updated Circular 2020-173R, dated November 4, 2020*). Home-based providers can continue to use reusable masks.

Public health is recommending that visitors and volunteers may be permitted, however, it should be limited to those that are absolutely necessary to support operations of the facility or to support the attendance of a child with additional support needs.

The Early Learning and Child Care Program continues to monitor and update resources related to COVID-19 and child care in Manitoba. For operational updates and directives, visit: [Manitoba Families COVID-19 Notices and Circulars](#).