

CIRCULAR

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To: All Early Learning and Child Care (ELCC) Facilities

Subject: ELCC Practice Guide Update

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The Chief Provincial Public Health Officer has endorsed changes to the attached ELCC Practice Guide **October 2021**, to reflect current guidance for keeping the ELCC sector safe and protected during the COVID-19 pandemic.

For a complete list of updates from the **May 2021** ELCC Practice Guide see page 2 of the guide.

Revisions include updated guidance on:

- **Mask use for staff/providers, children and visitors**
- **Proof of regular testing or vaccination requirements**
- **Visitor access and volunteers**
- **In-person meetings and gatherings**
- **Physical distancing within cohorts and between cohorts/groups**
- **Environmental cleaning**

ELCC providers are encouraged to visit the Department of Families COVID-19 Notices and Circulars page on a regular basis for specific ELCC sector updates. This is the same content as you will receive electronically from the Early Learning and Child Care Program. Visit: <https://www.gov.mb.ca/fs/covid-circulars.html>

Thank you for your continued cooperation,

Early Learning and Child Care Program

Attach.