

October 7, 2020

Memorandum to: Directors of Education
Chiefs of First Nations with Child Care & Child and Family
Programs Agreements
First Nations Administrators
Consolidated Municipal Service Managers / District Social
Services Administration
Licensed Child Care Programs

From: Nancy Naylor
Deputy Minister

Subject: Reminder: Screening Protocol

Thank you for the ongoing work of you and your teams to support the safe reopening of our schools, child care and early years settings.

The purpose of this memo is to provide a clear reminder about the daily screening protocol requirements for staff, students and essential visitors.

All school and child care staff, students or parents on behalf of students, and essential visitors must self-screen every day before attending school. To help meet this requirement, the government recently released an updated [COVID-19 school and child care screening tool](#).

We recognize that you may be using a tool other than the provincial tool to meet local screening requirements. As a reminder, we are asking that you align the criteria in those tools with the updated provincial tool as soon as possible so that parents/caregivers, staff and home child care providers receive updated and consistent information, particularly around changes to the student symptoms list.

I would also like to take this opportunity to reiterate that, once a student is no longer showing symptoms that would otherwise require that student to stay home, barriers to returning to school, such as the requirement of medical notes or proof of negative COVID-19 tests, are not required.

We encourage you to share this information to your staff and partners, families, and students along with continuing to promote the updated screening tool and following the operational guidance.

Thank you for your ongoing partnership.

Sincerely,

Nancy Naylor
Deputy Minister

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