

# COVID-19: Decisions and Safety Recommendations for parents – Childcare services

Childcare services in Nunavik reopened on June 15<sup>th</sup> 2020. To ensure the safety of everyone in the context of COVID-19, the following measures are in effect:

- When you enter the centre, follow the preventive measures set in place for the safety of the child and staff.
- Upon arrival, you will see that childcare centres have closed off the entryway to make a designated pick up and drop off area.
- Only one parent/guardian per family will be permitted in this area.
- If the child is showing signs of illnesses, he or she will not be accepted until 48 hours after symptoms have cleared.
- Please have an identified bag to place the child's belongings, the educator will take the bag with the child upon arrival.
- The educator will bring the child to wash their hands and then to their room.
- Throughout the day the child will be encouraged to wash their hands regularly.
- If the child begins to feel unwell and/or shows flu-like symptoms, the child will be placed in a designated quarantine area room and the parent/guardian will be contacted to pick up the child as soon as possible.
- Communicate clearly in advance with the educator to schedule a time that the child will be picked up in order for the educator to prepare the child to be met in the lobby.
- If possible, create opportunities for children to play and relax. Keep a stable environment.
- Provide age-appropriate explanations about the situation. Share information in a reassuring way. e.g. If your child is feeling sick and staying at home or the hospital, you could say, "You have to stay at home/at the hospital because it is safer for you and your friends. I know it is hard, scary or even boring at times, but we need to follow the rules to keep ourselves and others safe. Everything will go back to normal soon."

