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Dear FCCC Parent or Guardian,

As you know we have been bombarded with new information, ever changing screening tools and new operational guidelines. I believe that within the last week and a half, we received 4 different memos and three different screening tools from the Ministry of Education. We still are not entirely sure what level of support we will be receiving from KFL&A Public Health (PH) and or the LDSB team for our school-age programs. We are in communication with them and hope to have answers soon.

The FCCC website – [frontenacountychildcarecentre.ca](http://frontenacountychildcarecentre.ca), will always have the most current screening tool that we have. We are trying our best to keep up and get it to each site as well. They in-turn will be sharing it with their families. These screening tools clearly outline steps to take in the event of present COVID 19 symptoms and or testing results. All FCCC programs sites are required to confirm with parents, that their child has passed screening for that day. The confirmation process will be specific to each site. Your cooperation in this confirmation process is essential in keeping all of our children and staff safe.

Thanks to the Ministry of Education and the LDSB, you will be receiving two RAT (Rapid Antigen Tests) to take home this week. These are to be used ONLY if your child is symptomatic. You must continue to follow the information provided on the most recent screening tool. We have not yet received any information regarding when or if these will be replenished.

We are very happy to confirm that our preschool sites will continue to receive support from the KFL&A IPAC Teams. They help us to determine exposure timelines, cohort exposure and provide us with letters to send out to those affected by a confirmed positive case. (Confirmed by a positive PCR test result) If a case is not confirmed but suspected, we begin a line listing of illness and symptoms. This line listing is sent to PH, once there are two or more cases of 'like' symptoms in a cohort. At that point, PH will

become involved and we will follow their direction. This is the same process that is used for identifying respiratory and or enteric outbreaks.

It is unlikely that confirmed COVID cases will result in an entire center closure unless there are a large number of cases. Currently the letters to families and employees, are asking them to monitor for symptoms for a specified period of time. However, there is a possibility that a center or room closure could happen due to staffing shortages. We truly hope that this will not occur, but realistically we know that we should prepare for it. Another possibility is that we may need to make an adjustment to program operating hours. If we can provide staffing, but not for our regular opening hours, we will have to adjust hours of care. Again, we hope that this does not happen, but we need you to be prepared in the event that it does. Let's hope that these are only short- term measures and that within the next 6 to 8 weeks we are able to go beyond this.

We certainly appreciate all of your support and understanding during these challenging times. Our educators are doing all that they can to continue to provide warm, nurturing learning environments for your children.

Feel free to reach out to us at any time.

Thank you,

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