

## NOTICE

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**To:** Leeds, Grenville, and Lanark District Childcare Centre Operators  
**From:** Teresa Clow, Acting Manager, Community Health Protection Department  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 2, 2020  
**Subject:** Notification of change related to Child Care Centre Line Listing submissions to Public Health

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Please note the [Ministry of Education's Operational Guidance during COVID-19 Outbreak Child Care Re-Opening document Version 3](#) (August 2020) currently states "where an individual does not pass screening for COVID-19 and is not permitted to attend the program, this does not need to be reported to the local public health unit". This now means **child care centres are no longer required to email or fax a line listing to the Leeds, Grenville & Lanark District Health Unit each time a child or staff do not pass screening**. Childcare centers must continue to record and document absences, as per your centre's policies and procedures, and may use the Health Unit's line listing to do so. The Ministry of Education document does require that child care centres must notify Public Health when a child becomes ill with [symptoms of COVID-19 while at the child care center](#), to receive advice on how to manage. Your centre must have protocols in place to address when someone in a child care setting demonstrates symptoms of illness.

### **Reporting illnesses and outbreaks that are NOT COVID-19 related:**

The Health Unit appreciates the hard work the child care centres continue to do to protect the health of our community. While COVID-19 is a priority, operators of child care centres must continue to monitor for other infectious diseases in the childcare setting and report cases and outbreaks to Public Health.

**Outbreaks (non-COVID-19):** Child care centres must report outbreaks of respiratory illnesses and gastroenteritis to Public Health. This should be done by phone. An outbreak assessment will occur at this time and we may request to see a line listing.

**Respiratory Outbreak:** 3 or more cases in a room or 10% across the entire centre within 48 hours.

Case: Individual with 2 or more respiratory symptoms (fever, cough, sore throat, hoarseness or difficulty swallowing, congestion, runny nose or sneezing, loss of appetite, headache and chills) within 24 hours.

**Enteric Outbreak:** 2 or more cases in a room or 10% across the entire centre within 48 hours.

Case: Individual experiencing more than 2 or more bouts of unexplained vomiting or diarrhea, or one bout of each within 24 hours.

Childcare centers are also required to report to Public Health when they are aware of a single staff/child with a disease of public health significance. For a list of diseases that are reportable in Ontario, see the Health Unit website's [reportable disease toolkit](#). For other information related to childhood illness and when to report/exclude see the Health Unit's [childhood diseases poster](#).

### **Reporting to the Leeds, Grenville & Lanark District Health Unit:**

To notify public health of children with COVID-19 symptoms at the child care centre or to discuss questions or concerns regarding the management of COVID-19, outbreaks or other infections in the child care setting, call the Health Unit at extension 2222 and ask to speak with a member of the Outbreak Team.