

NOTICE

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To: Leeds, Grenville, and Lanark District Child Care Centre Operators
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Subject: **New Health Unit School and Child Care Screening Tool**

The Ministry of Health has released the [COVID-19 guidance: school outbreak management](#) document which the Leeds, Grenville & Lanark District Health Unit (LGLDHU) is using to support all schools in our area as well as Child Care Centres.

As such, LGLDHU is encouraging parents/guardians and visitors to complete the Health Unit's *New School Screening Tool* prior to each day they attend the Child Care Centre to help them decide whether their child should attend.

Parents should be provided a current screening tool. The [screening tool](#) can be found online. A [PDF version](#) can be printed from our website.

Additionally, it is recommended that Child Care Centres post the screening tool at entrances. Child care staff should confirm and record that the screening tool was completed and that the child/visitor passed.

Summary of Key Changes:

- **Exclusion of siblings and other household contacts of an ill child with low exposure risk is not recommended.**
 - **Assessment Centre's in Leeds, Grenville & Lanark will provide post assessment recommendations to the ill person regarding isolation of their household contacts based on their exposure risk.**
- **Those that do not pass screening should be instructed to seek an assessment at an Assessment Centre or by their Health Care Provider.**
 - **Information on Assessment Centres, testing and results can be found on our [website](#).**

We recommend that child care staff continue to use [Ontario's Self-Assessment](#) tool for guidance on whether they should come to work and when to seek an assessment.