

Parents/guardians,

Thank you for your ongoing efforts which have made the child care re-opening process possible, and for adhering to public health and safety measures that have ensured child care settings remain safe places.

The holidays are going to look a little different this year and we understand that there may be challenges as the winter break approaches, but we encourage all families to consider how we can work together to make this time as safe as possible, and start 2021 off right. We would also like to remind you about the actions we are taking to reinforce the health and safety protocols aimed at protecting us all while limiting the spread of COVID-19 within our child care setting.

During the holidays, it is important for everyone to adhere to [the public health measures](#) in our community, at home with family, at work and at child care. By [following public health advice](#), we can all have a safe and fun holiday season. You can check the government's [holiday web page](#) for more direct and up-to-date guidance on how individuals and families can plan for a safe holiday season.

Throughout the holiday season, **Child Care Algoma** will continue to:

- Reinforce mask and hand hygiene etiquette, as well as physical distancing
- Limit interactions between groups of children and staff/providers
- Ensure that everyone including children, staff and essential visitors are screened before they enter the child care premises
- Perform enhanced cleaning and disinfecting of toys, equipment, and premises

As a reminder, individuals showing symptoms of illness should not attend the child care program. All children, students, staff, and essential visitors must be screened for symptoms of illness every day before attending school or child care. To help meet this requirement, you may use [the provincial COVID-19 school screening tool](#).

We encourage you to visit [Ontario.ca/covidresponse](https://ontario.ca/covidresponse) to learn the public health measures in place in our community and remind you that these measures are subject to change depending on public health trends, so please visit the website regularly. We also suggest checking out www.algomapublichealth.com as they may also have helpful resources and supports.

If you have any questions about what **Child Care Algoma** is doing to protect your children and family in response to COVID-19, please visit www.childcarealgoma.ca for a complete list of our COVID policies.

Sincerely,

Child Care Algoma