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To: Child Care Centres in Winnipeg School Division Facilities, ELCC program staff

Subject: **Child Care Centres in Winnipeg School Division Facilities**

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 Procedure Information Only

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Topic: Operating Child Care in Winnipeg School Division Facilities during COVID-19

To provide clarity for child care centres located in Winnipeg School Division (WSD) facilities during the COVID-19 response, WSD has confirmed its willingness to support centres and before, noon and after school programs operating on school property as part of the COVID-19 response. As a result, child care centres have permission to stay open or re-open during this time, in accordance with all existing Public Health and program directives.

For centres who are willing to reopen, please note:

- Programs are not required to provide evidence of provincial approval in order to have permits reinstated.
- Centres intending to re-open should notify the province by completing the online form at: <https://eswchildcare.ca/>

For before, noon and after school programs who wish to extend services and re-open as a full time child care centre under a provincial license:

- Contact Mr. Navinder Basra, Director of Finance, Winnipeg School Division, at 204-789-0404 to review any logistical requirements, such as confirmation that appropriate space is available, sanitation needs in bathrooms or other school space and removal of teaching materials or other items located in shared educational space.
- Notify the Manitoba Early Learning and Child Care Program of interest in extending services by completing the online form at: <https://eswchildcare.ca/>

- Program staff may also be eligible for the Temporary Child Care Services Grant if services are expanded from regular programming. For more information on this opportunity please visit: <https://manitoba.ca/covid19/infomanitobans/childcare.html#grant> or email ecegrant@gov.mb.ca

If you have any questions, please email cdcinfo@gov.mb.ca or call Manitoba Government Inquiry at 204-945-3744 or toll free 1-866-MANITOBA (1-866-626-4862). Manitoba Government Inquiry staff are working with the ELCC program, including Child Care Coordinators, to respond directly and refer calls and emails when needed.

Sincerely,

Early Learning and Child Care Program