

COVID-19 Update

Child Care Operators/Providers/Partners

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Updated Health Guidance for K-12

The BC Centre for Disease Control recently updated public health guidance for [K-12 school settings](#). On page 16, note updates to guidance for symptoms of illness in children. Similar clarifications are also planned for the [Public Health Guidance for Child Care Settings](#).

When these updates are published, all child care operators will be notified.



New COVID-19 Testing for Children and Youth

Students aged four-19 can now take [a mouth-rinse gargle test for COVID-19](#),



available throughout the province at sample collection centres. This method is easier and more comfortable for young people than the nasopharyngeal swab.

Back to School Town Hall for Care Givers and Care Providers

Medical lead in the office of the Provincial Health Officer Dr. Trevor Corneil [recorded a video](#) with information about protocols for sick kids in the classroom. Dr. Corneil gives scenarios about how parents should respond to symptoms in children that may or may not be linked with COVID-19 transmission. (Jump to the 25:00 mark for info that may be useful to those providing care to school-age children.)

New Items Added to Supply Hub

The [COVID-19 Supply Hub](#) is now offering Level 1 surgical disposable face masks, liquid hand sanitizer with glycerin moisturizer, and disinfectant wipes. These items are in addition to the available gloves, gowns, goggles, industrial cleaner, disinfectant cleaner, bleach and hand sanitizer.



Your organization is eligible to purchase the products required to operate safely, in accordance with Occupational Health and Safety regulations and guidance from the Office of the Provincial Health Officer.

For supply questions, please email: COVID19request@gov.bc.ca

Useful Links

- [COVID-19 Provincial and Federal Benefits](#)
- [BC COVID-19 Symptom Self-Assessment Tool](#)
- [Information for Child Care Providers](#)
- [Guidance for Child Care Settings](#)
- [Cleaning Supplies for Child Care Facilities](#)