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Dear Child Care Partner:

We are reaching out to advise you of the developing public health situation regarding COVID-19. Cases have been identified in British Columbia and Health experts are working hard to monitor and contain those cases.

At this time, the Public Health Agency of Canada and the Provincial Health Officer of British Columbia are not recommending child care closure strategies for the prevention of COVID-19.

Direction may continue to change. Please continue to monitor the links below on a regular basis:

- [BC Center for Disease Control](#)
- [Health Link BC Web site](#)
- [Health Canada Information](#)
- [Ministry of Children and Family Development Web site](#)

Specific guidance about reducing the risk of transmitting COVID-19 for child care settings and schools is available by visiting the following link:

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/health/about-bc-s-health-care-system/office-of-the-provincial-health-officer/reports-publications/covid-19-guidance-for-schools-childcare-programs.pdf>

We understand that child care providers and parents have questions about Childcare BC programs and services in the event that child care facilities close as a result of COVID-19. The Ministry of Children and Family Development is monitoring the situation closely and we are committed to keeping parents and child care providers informed.

Any updates concerning ministry programs and supports will be provided at the following link: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/family-social-supports/covid-19-information>, and we encourage parents and providers to check this page for regular updates.

In addition, anyone looking for more information about COVID-19 can call 811 or visit the BC Centre for Disease Control's website at: [www.bccdc.ca](http://www.bccdc.ca).

Sincerely,

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