

## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Licensed Child Care and Family Home Child Care Agencies

**FROM:** Denise Stone, Executive Director, Early Learning and Child Care (ELCC) Branch

**DATE:** June 15, 2021

**SUBJECT:** Phase 2 of Reopening Plan

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Greetings:

Earlier this afternoon, Premier Rankin and Dr. Strang announced that Nova Scotia will enter Phase 2 of the province's reopening plan tomorrow, June 16. As part of Phase 2 restriction updates, Public Health has advised that the requirement for children ages 2 – 4years of age to wear a mask in a child care setting, **will be removed**. This change will come into effect on Wednesday June 16.

Please note that the *COVID-19 Public Health Guidance for Child Care Settings* document, found at: <https://novascotia.ca/coronavirus/docs/COVID-19-Childcare-setting-guidance.pdf>, will be updated shortly to reflect this change. The edit can be found under the section titled "**Non-medical Masks**" (page 16).

We ask that you discard any previous hard copies of this document and replace it with the updated document. Also, please ensure all staff and families are made aware of this change as soon as possible.

If you have any questions, concerns and/or comments, please contact the Early Childhood Development Consultant assigned to your centre, or forward via email to [ECDServices@novascotia.ca](mailto:ECDServices@novascotia.ca).