

MEMORANDUM

TO: Licensed Child Care Centres, Family Home Child Care Agencies
FROM: Pamela AuCoin, Executive Director, Early Learning and Child Care
DATE: July 5, 2022
SUBJECT: Changing Public Health Guidelines related to COVID-19

As announced yesterday, July 4, Nova Scotia will remove all remaining COVID-19 restrictions in the community on Wednesday, July 6. The full release can be viewed here:

<https://novascotia.ca/news/release/?id=20220704003>

Education and Early Childhood Development will continue to provide guidance and support for regulated child care settings.

What stays the same

The [Guidelines for Communicable Disease Prevention for Child Care Programs and Family Home Child Care Agencies](#) remain the same as they were pre-COVID-19 and are the guidelines all child care centres and family homes should follow to prevent and control all communicable diseases.

Is PPE still available?

Wearing a mask continues to be no longer mandatory and child care operators can decide their individual approach to masking. Child care settings will continue to have access to PPE from the provincial government supply, for the time being, free of charge. Any changes will be communicated in advance at a later date.

Where can I learn more?

More information on COVID-19 in Nova Scotia is available at: <https://novascotia.ca/coronavirus/>

COVID-19 Mandatory Vaccination Protocol in High-Risk Settings:

<https://novascotia.ca/coronavirus/docs/COVID-19-Protocol-for-mandatory-vaccination-high-risk-settings-en.pdf>

COVID-19 online self-assessment: <https://covid-self-assessment.novascotia.ca/en>

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to your Early Childhood Development Consultant.
