## COVID-19 INTERIM DECISION GUIDE FOR CHILD CARE OPERATORS TO DIRECT COHORTS TO SELF-ISOLATE

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This tool is to be used by Child Care Operators to assist them in making a decision to dismiss a case's cohort(s) for self-isolation while awaiting the results of the Toronto Public Health (TPH) Investigation. If the Child Care Operator has any questions, they can contact the TPH COVID-19 Hotline by email at **publichealth@toronto.ca** or by calling **416-338-7600**.



Operators informed of a positive COVID-19 case or symptomatic student/staff



Staff/child attendee has symptoms but no laboratory result









Laboratory confirmed positive for COVID-19





Report to Toronto Public Health TPH COVID-19 Notification Form for Child Care Settings



## **Please Note:**

- Child care operators will ask siblings of child attendees of dismissed cohorts to also stay
  home as per the <u>COVID-19 Screening Questionnaire</u>. If the sibling is symptomatic, then
  follow the <u>COVID-19 Decision Tool for Child Attendees</u>.
- Child care operators will not ask other staff or children potentially exposed to the
  positive case outside of the cohort(s) to self-isolate. In these situations, self-isolation
  directions will be provided by a TPH Communicable Disease Investigator TPH (CDI). If an
  individual is symptomatic or is a close contact of a positive case, then follow the child
  care settings protocols and the COVID-19 Decision Tool for Child Attendees and Staff.
- If the COVID-19 positive case interacts multiple cohorts or visits many child care settings/ cohort(s), the Child care operator will flag this for TPH and await the direction of the TPH CDI.



Dismiss the case's cohort(s) to stay home and self-isolate. The case's siblings and household members also need to stay home and self-isolate.