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.

*Please Note:
- Child care operators should not provide direction to siblings of child attendees in a dismissed cohort. If the sibling is symptomatic, then follow the COVID-19 Decision Tool for Child Attendees.
- Child care operators should not ask other staff or parents/guardians of child attendees potentially exposed to the positive case outside of the cohort(s) to self-isolate. In these situations, self-isolation directions will be provided 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 has interacted with multiple cohorts or visited other child care settings/cohorts, the child care operator should flag this and wait for further direction from the TPH CDI.

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

Staff/Child attendee has symptoms but no laboratory result

Follow the Child Care Settings protocols and COVID-19 Decision Tool for Child Attendees and staff

Laboratory confirmed positive for COVID-19

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

Direct case’s cohort(s) to self-isolate. The case’s siblings and household members also need to stay home.