



EarlyON Child and Family Centers: Information for Families on the Prevention of COVID-19

Registration:

- All visitors to the EarlyON Child and Family Center programs must pre-register online. This includes all family members, community supports and babes in arms that will attend. If you require assistance to register, a Facilitator can help! Find a Facilitator at: facilitator@empowersimcoe.ca.
- Families will be contacted by phone or email prior to their first visit, to discuss health and safety protocols, program expectations, and to answer any questions.
- Families will be asked to sign a waiver when they arrive at their first visit. If you are a care provider, the child's parent will need to sign it ahead of time. This can be arranged by email.

Self-Assessment:

- All visitors to the EarlyON Child and Family Center are required to complete an online, self assessment within 2 hours of their scheduled arrival time. Should any member of the group indicate that they are unwell, or have been exposed to a case of Covid-19, the whole group will be supported to reschedule their visit.
- A link to the self assessment is included in your confirmation email.
- If you are unable to complete your assessment prior to your visit, you can complete one when you arrive.
- All visitors will have their temperature taken, by contactless thermometer when they arrive at their scheduled program.

Use of PPE and Safety:

- The health unit strongly recommends that all individuals wear a well-fitted three-layer mask or medical mask in indoor public settings, including EarlyON Child and Family Centres. This recommendation includes children two to five years of age if they can tolerate a mask. EarlyON staff, students and volunteers will continue to wear medical masks at EarlyON Child and Family Centres. Empower Simcoe may return to mandatory masking should community risk for infections increase.
- Children under the age of 2 are not required to wear a mask when participating in a program.
- Children aged 2 to grade 1 are strongly encouraged to wear a mask. Facilitators have some great stories and pictures to help your child feel comfortable with this practice.
- Staff will be wearing medical grade masks and eye protection at all times.
- All staff and visitors will be required to practice good hand hygiene often during your visit. Facilitators have supplies to help you and your child.
- All staff and visitors are encouraged to maintain a distance of 2 meters as much as possible. We understand that your child may have other plans. Facilitators have provided lots of activities and materials for each child to access.
- Toys, equipment and materials that can be re-used will be thoroughly cleaned and sanitized between sessions by our Facilitators for your safety.

Do you have questions? Please contact us at: facilitator@empowersimcoe.ca for information, resources and supports.