



UPDATE TO COVID-19 ORDER (April 7, 2021)

Dear Parent/Caregiver,

Miigwetch for continuing to follow the public health and safety measures that have kept Migizoons child care program open and safe. It is our collective effort that continue to ensure your children can learn with their friends in our program.

On April 7, 2021, the government announced a province-wide Stay-at-Home order starting April 8th for at least four weeks with the extension of another two-weeks, until May 20th in response to worsening trends in key community health indicators across the province.

During this time period, ONLY those who qualify for **Emergency Child Care** for eligible essential workers under the ECC Program will be available at Migizoons to support families. Our before and after school program will remain open to those families that qualify.

As we head into this time-limited government action, we want to take the opportunity to highlight the importance of continuing to follow public health and safety protocols in child care settings and in your day-to-day activities. With nicer weather among us it is important than ever that we continue to follow public health advice and do our part to keep COVID-19 from spreading in our community.

At this critical point in the pandemic, here are some public health measures, intended to help prevent the spread of COVID-19, that we ask you to continue to follow if your children are attending Migizoons child care centre:

- Screening every day for COVID-19 symptoms before attending Migizoons. (The COVID-19 School and Child Care Screening Tool is available to assist families with symptom screening);
- Practising good hand hygiene habits throughout the day;
- Practising physical distancing;
- Providing a non-medical mask or face covering for your child to wear each day (masking is mandatory for all children in grades 1 and above, and recommended for children age 2 to senior kindergarten); and
- Avoiding sharing objects, toys, food, water bottles, or other personal items.

Strictly following these public health measures is of the utmost importance in ensuring schools and child care settings stay open and safe during the province-wide Stay-at-Home order.

Outside of Migizoons, we encourage families to continue to:

- Socialize with your own household.
- Activities or playdates with those outside your household should be held outdoors and limited to no more than five people, with physical distancing and masking where distance is not possible.
- Stay home and get tested if you feel ill.
- Refrain from travelling.
- Refer to www.Ontario.ca/covidresponse to learn what public health measures are in place in our community based on the COVID-19 response framework. We also suggest checking -- <https://www.myhealthunit.ca/en/index.asp> and Wasauksing Health Unit at 705-746-8022.

Please stay at home as much as possible and continue following the direction of Wasauksing's Health Unit so that we can keep our School and Migizoons child care centre open.

If you have any questions, please let me know. Miigwetch for your efforts in these unprecedented times.

Warm Regards,

Jen Colson, Migizoons Child Care Manager