

Update on the Novel Coronavirus in Peel

Hello,

Please find below the latest updates around the evolving novel coronavirus (COVID-19) situation.

Updates

- **March Break Travel**

With March Break approaching for many parents and families, many are concerned around the risks associated with travel and their return to Canada.

For the most up-to-date information around risks and prevention around travelling, please refer parents, guardians and families to the [Government of Canada Travel website](#). [Peel Public Health's website](#) is also up to date with prevention and protection messaging for the public.

- **International Travel Direction**

The Federal Government has now issued [updated direction to Canadians travelling internationally](#). The direction is as follows:

- **avoid all cruise ship travel**
- **all returning international travellers should self-monitor themselves for COVID-19 symptoms (fever, cough, and difficulty breathing) for 14 days from the date of return to Canada, and should immediately contact Peel Public Health (or their local public health unit) if they fall ill or exhibit symptoms during that period.**
- **all travellers from Hubei Province in China or Iran should self-isolate for 14 days from the time they began their trip back to Canada.**

- **Proactive measures taken in early years and child care settings**

The Federal Government has developed [this guidance](#) on the prevention and management of novel coronavirus (COVID-19) in schools and child care settings:

- Staff will reinforce regular [hand washing and proper hand hygiene](#).
- Staff will share reminders with children to be mindful of [coughing and sneezing etiquette](#).
- Children, staff and volunteers will be reminded to stay home when they are ill.
- Staff will take extra care to ensure soap dispensers are filled at all times and hand dryers are working.
- Cleaning routines will be adjusted so that commonly touched surfaces, such as door knobs, panic bars, push plates on doors, etc. are now cleaned twice daily, and all tabletops/surfaces will be cleaned on a daily basis.

For more information please visit:

Peel Public Health: peelregion.ca/coronavirus.

Ontario Ministry of Health: <http://www.ontario.ca/coronavirus>

Public Health Agency of Canada: <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/2019-novel-coronavirus-infection.html>

Government of Canada Travel Advice and Advisory: <https://travel.gc.ca/travelling/advisories/pneumonia-china>

For questions around COVID-19, Peel Public Health can be reached at 905-799-7700. In Caledon, please dial 905-584-2216. Thank you.