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**To:** Child Care facilities, ELCC program staff

**Subject:** **New Public Health Orders Exclude Child Care Centres**

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**Topic: Limits on the number of children in child care facilities and homes**

Today, the Manitoba government released new public health orders that restrict operations of non-critical businesses and limit public gatherings to no more than 10 people. The orders specifically **exclude** child care and social services providers.

Licensed child care centres can continue to provide services to children as long as the care is limited to no more than 16 children per centre. Some larger centres with segregated rooms and separate external entrances are able to offer care for up to 16 children per room. Homebased child care providers can continue to provide care to the number of children for which they are licensed. The new public health orders have been issued by the chief provincial public health officer under [The Public Health Act](#).

For more information on the new public health orders, please review the Manitoba government [news release](#).

If you have any questions, please email [cdcinfo@gov.mb.ca](mailto:cdcinfo@gov.mb.ca) or call Manitoba Government Inquiry at 204-945-3744 or toll free 1-866-MANITOBA (1-866-626-4862).

Thank you.

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