**PURPOSE**

The CPCC has developed this policy to help prevent the spread of COVID-19 and comply with the municipal mask by-laws of Peel Region.

**Household and Essential Visitor Mask Policy**

All parents/guardians/caregivers, and essential visitors are encouraged to wear medical masks indoors, and outdoors if physical distancing cannot be maintained. The CPCC will offer medical masks to parents/guardians/caregivers.  However, a parent/guardian/caregiver can refuse and wear their own mask.

Children aged 2 to kindergarten are strongly encouraged to wear non-medical masks inside the CPCC, but it is not required.

Children in kindergarten are strongly encouraged to wear non-medical masks while inside the CPCC.

Children in Grades 1 and above are required to wear non-medical masks while inside the Caledon Parent-Child Centre (CPCC) premises, unless they have a reasonable medical exception. Proof of mask exemption is not required.

Children 2 years of age and under are not required to wear a face covering.

Individuals not wearing masks for reasonable exceptions are required to maintain a physical distance of at least 2 metres between individuals.

**What Constitutes a Mask?**

Masks include:

* Disposable or fabric masks
* Bandanas
* Scarfs
* Or similar items which are fitted to completely cover the mouth, nose and chin of a wearer without gapping

**A hard plastic face mask is not an alternative as it does not “completely cover the mouth, nose and chin”.**

**PROCEDURES**

Staff are not to allow parents/guardians/caregivers, other staff, or essential visitors, and children 3 years of age and older to enter the CPCC without a mask. If a household arrives without masks, staff may provide medical masks.

If a parent/guardian/caregiver, essential worker or child 3 years of age and older indicate that they have a reasonable medical exception, staff should document their requirements and exceptions below the illness tracking section of their COVID-19 Active Screening Form.

CPCC staff must not refuse access to the centre if an individual refuses to wear a mask.

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| **Table 3: Mandated Mask Wearing In EarlyON Child and Family Centres Individual** | **Non-Medical Mask** | **Surgical/Procedural Mask** | **Eye Protection** |
| Staff | ✖ | ✔ | ✔ |
| Other Adults | ✔ | ✔ | ✖ |
| Child (2 years old and under) | ✖ | ✖ | ✖ |
| Child (3-5 years old) | ✔ | ✖ | ✖ |
| Child (6 years old and older) | ✔ | ✖ | ✖ |
| See Mask Exceptions in ***Enhanced Health and Safety Protocols for Re-Opening EarlyON Child and Family Centres*** for more details. | | | |

**REVISIONS**

CPCC reserves the right, within the parameters of applicable health and safety by-laws, regulations/legislation, and employment/labour standards legislation, to amend policies from time to time.