

December 22, 2020

Dear MCRC Families,

As you may know, the Premier of Ontario announced yesterday afternoon that a Province-wide shutdown will take effect on Saturday December 26, 2020 at 12:01am. For Southern Ontario, including Halton Region, this shutdown will be in effect for 28 days, and will be re-assessed at that time. More information on the Province-wide shutdown, can be found here:

<https://news.ontario.ca/en/release/59790/ontario-announces-provincewide-shutdown-to-stop-spread-of-covid-19-and-save-lives>

In light of this announcement, EarlyON Child and Family Centres in Halton have been asked to pause their in-person program offerings, until further notice. MCRC will continue to run virtual EarlyON programs and find creative and exciting new ways to engage with our community.

MCRC's other programs will remain largely unaffected by this announcement. THRC will continue to offer virtual supports and Professional Learning, as well as curbside pickup and drop-off. Licensed Child Care programs will remain open, including our Licensed School Age Winter Break Program that is scheduled to run next week.

MCRC has submitted an application to Halton Region to operate Emergency School Age Child Care during the lockdown period from January 4th – January 8th, 2021 to support families of essential workers while schools are closed. If we are selected, we will provide more information as it becomes available.

Over the last 8 months, MCRC has proven to be a creative and resilient support to our community. We have learned so much about how to operate safely during this pandemic and how to continue supporting our community even when things are out of the ordinary. We will continue to work together, to provide creative solutions, and to offer quality programs and services for our community.

Stay well.

Sincerely,



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Executive Director