

**Welcome back to EarlyON! Things have changed a little.  
Please read the following so you know what to expect and can prepare your  
children ahead of time.**

**All of our programs are registered, with set times and run in cohorts of multiple weeks. Please be on time for programs. Families arriving more than 30 minutes late may not be able to enter the program.**

## Screening

The Health Screen is to be completed by ALL participants prior to attending programs and proof of a “pass” screen is required. Proof can be a screenshot or a printed paper copy for each participant.

<https://covid-19.ontario.ca/school-screening/>

To enter the program, you will have had to answer “NO” to all questions on the Health Screen for yourself and your child/ren prior to the start of program.

If you answer “YES” to any of the questions you will be denied entry to the program and referred to Halton Region for further advice.

When you arrive, you will be required to sanitize hands upon entering the screening area, an alcohol-based hand sanitizer containing at least 60% alcohol content will be provided at the screening station.

For everyone’s protection, our screening staff will be wearing appropriate personal protective equipment (face mask, face shield, gloves).

## Outdoor Programs

Our outdoor programs are set up to allow for physical distancing, with a minimum of 6 feet between each family. We will mark an area for each family to sit in with a hoola hoop.

While we plan to maintain physical distancing, children can be unpredictable, so we require the use of masks for children ages 5 and up, and recommend masks for children aged 2 and up.

Masks will not be required in the *Outdoor Mother Goose* program as physical distancing can be maintained with non-mobile infants.

You are encouraged to bring your own blanket and infant toys or children’s fidget toys if required.

Please be advised that playground equipment is not maintained and is used at your own risk.

Washroom facilities are not available at the outdoor location.

## Indoor Programs

Adults and children over the age of 5 are required to wear masks, and we do recommend masks for children aged 2 and up.

If you or your child are unable to wear a mask for physical or psychological reasons, please let us know ahead of time via email so we can plan accordingly.

All our EarlyON staff will be wearing both masks and eye protection as per the Ministry of Education's Guidelines.

You and your children will be required to wash hands with soap and water upon entering the program rooms.

Our rooms will look a little different as they are set up to encourage physical distancing and any items that are plush, porous, or hard to clean, have been removed.

Toys and materials are one use only and need to be placed in a marked bin after each use for sanitizing.

Any creative or sensory materials are to be used individually and are one time use only.

Food is not permitted in the programs as it can be challenging to maintain health and safety procedures. Drink containers are permitted.

You will be given a designated area to store your belongings which is separate from others. Please limit what you are bringing with you.

We will be cleaning the washrooms after every use so please let an Educator know when you have used a washroom.

We will signal clean up and end programs with a bell or music instead of the usual clean up song as we are not permitted to sing indoors.

We know there are a lot of new rules and changes, but we are doing our best to make sure we can stay safe as we look forward to seeing you in person! We appreciate your co-operation!

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For additional information please see Early On Return to Programming Guidelines and MCRC's COVID Response Policies and Procedures on the program page of our website.