

**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 emailed “pass”.

If you have not completed the screen, you will be required to compete it verbally with our screener before entry.

<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.

Masks are not required in outdoor programs and we strive to maintain physical distancing as best as possible.

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

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

Washroom facilities may not be available at the outdoor locations.

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.

Frequent handwashing by all program participants is required.

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.

Handwashing prior to sensory play and shared creative materials is required both before and after participate in the activity.

Food is permitted in the programs but must be eaten at a table, 6 feet away from other diners. Masks must be stored appropriately while eating. We do ask to keep snack to a minimum.

Washrooms and high touch surfaces are cleaned a minimum of twice daily, but more often as needed when in high use.

All toys and equipment are cleaned and sanitized after each program.

All programs have limited capacity to allow for social distancing and in person programs are run in multiple week series to allow for co-horting and contact tracing if needed.

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!

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.