

Article title: Environmental Scan of Public Health Directives During COVID-19: A View Through the Lens of Children With Complex Care Needs and Their Families

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Table 5. Directives Specific to Children with CCN, Per Province

Category	Date	Summary of directive	Children with CCN population as named in directive
NS			
Education and daycares	March 30, 2020	Allowing teaching assistants and child and youth care support workers to provide paid respite care in the community for those with special needs	Students and adults with special needs
Education and daycares	September 2, 2020	Measures to support the reopening of schools for all students, including those with special needs and their families; measures include investigation of close contacts, self-isolation requirements, no penalization for absences due to illness, new inclusive education policy	Children with special needs and their families
Education and daycares	May 28, 2021	In-person classes resume outside of Halifax Regional Municipality and Sydney with some exceptions for students with highly complex needs; school officials to contact families with additional details	Students with highly complex needs
Education and daycares	December 10, 2021	Learning centres opening to provide individual specialized programming and interventions to support students with disabilities and/or complex healthcare needs	Students with disabilities and/or complex healthcare needs
Continuing and long term care	June 12, 2020	Visits resume at long-term care homes and homes for persons with disabilities	Persons with disabilities living in long-term care and special care homes
Continuing and long term care	November 23, 2020	Temporary changes to Early Intensive Behavioural Intervention Program (IBI) to ensure more children with autism spectrum disorder (ASD) can access supports; changes include increased funding to support a larger population, and decreasing programming from 12 months to six months before beginning school	Children with ASD

NB			
Education and daycares	August 20, 2020	Supports available for students with significant medical conditions and their families upon their return to school in September; supports include personalized plans for at-home learning where required, full-time in-school learning for students with complex needs, and individual support programs for students with mental health and/or learning challenges due to the pandemic	Students with significant medical conditions and their families
Social restrictions	March 9, 2020	Older adults and people with chronic medical conditions should minimize attendance at crowded gatherings and mass events, stock up on supplies needed to stay at home, and renew prescriptions ahead of time	People with chronic conditions
PE			
Education and daycares	April 30, 2020	Some designated schools are opening for students who receive additional support from EAs and YSWs	Students who receive individualized supports from EAs and YSWs
Education and daycares	July 27, 2021	More support for families needing childcare, including children with disabilities and children needing enhanced or individual supports	Children with disabilities and children needing enhanced or individual supports
Education and daycares	December 23, 2021	Delay in school reopening after the holiday break; remote learning to begin instead; respite care will be put in place throughout the week for students with special needs who are currently supported by a school EA or YSW	Students with special needs who are currently supported by EAs or YSWs
Education and daycares	January 4, 2022	Delayed school opening and back to school guidelines; respite care will continue for students with special needs who are currently supported by a school Educational	Students with special needs who are currently supported by EAs or YSWs

		Assistant (EA) or Youth Service Worker (YSW)	
Education and daycares	January 20, 2022	Additional supports for childcare are implemented; Early Years Autism continues to offer virtual services to children and families in the IBI program	Children with autism spectrum disorder in the IBI program and their families
Social restrictions	March 13, 2020	Reconsider attending social gatherings where a 2-meter distance is not possible, especially if the elderly or immune-compromised people are present	Immune-compromised people
Testing	March 8, 2022	Close contact testing changing; testing recommended for anyone with underlying medical conditions including immune compromised	Anyone with underlying medical conditions including immune compromised

Table 6. Directives that Listed Additional Available Supports

Category	Date	Summary of directive	Type of support
NS			
Community services	November 23, 2020	Temporary changes to Early Intensive Behavioural Intervention (EIBI)	Service expansion
Education and daycares	March 30, 2020	Public schools and childcare providers closure extended	Point of contact
Education and daycares	March 30, 2020	At-home learning support	Point of contact
Education and daycares	March 30, 2020	Teaching assistants and child and youth support workers will be allowed to provide paid respite care in the community	Service expansion
Education and daycares	September 2, 2020	Measures to support the reopening of schools	Document
Education and daycares	December 2, 2020	New investments to support student well-being and safety	Monetary
Education and daycares	April 28, 2021	Regulated childcare centres will remain open during province-wide shutdown	Monetary
Education and daycares	December 10, 2021	Learning centres opening to support students and families	Service expansion
Masking	August 14, 2020	Masks mandated for students in grades 4 to 12	Document
Mental health and well-being	March 25, 2020	Mental health supports	Point of contact
Mental health and well-being	March 27, 2020	Mental health supports	Monetary
Testing	April 5, 2020	Expanded testing options	Service expansion
Testing	November 26, 2021	Take-home rapid test kit program expanded	Service expansion
Vaccinations	May 25, 2021	Drive-through vaccination clinics opening	Service expansion
NB			
Continuing care and	April 22, 2020	Long-term care (LTC) homes provided with iPads to enable communication	Technology

long-term care		between LTC residents and their families	
Education and daycares	March 17, 2020	Resource to assist essential service workers in accessing childcare	Document and point of contact
Education and daycares	March 18, 2020	Economic support for families while daycares were partially closed	Monetary
Education and daycares	March 20, 2020	Assistance with paying childcare fees	Monetary
Education and daycares	May 14, 2020	Measures to support the reopening of schools and daycares	Document
Education and daycares	January 22, 2021	Schools switching to at home learning during lockdown	Technology
Education and daycares	April 21, 2021	Enhanced access to learning technology and online and experiential learning opportunities	Monetary
Education and daycares	August 20, 2021	Provincial strategies for keeping schools and students healthy and safe	Document
Education and daycares	December 15, 2021	Health and safety guidelines for schools and child-care facilities	Document
Mental health and well-being	April 14, 2020	Mental health supports	Point of contact
Mental health and well-being	November 19, 2021	Project to reduce substance use among youth	Service expansion
Social restrictions	October 2, 2020	Guidelines for safe fall activities	Document
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Education and daycares	April 1, 2020	Delayed school opening	Service expansion and point of contact
Education and daycares	April 30, 2020	Partial school re-opening and continued at home learning	Technology, point of contact, and service expansion
Education and daycares	May 15, 2020	Financial and additional supports for childcare	Monetary
Education and daycares	December 6, 2020	Remote learning for some schools	Technology and Document

Education and daycares	September 18, 2021	Student Well-Being Teams will be at schools on Monday to provide additional mental and social supports for students	Service expansion and point of contact
Education and daycares	December 23, 2021	Schools will be switching to remote learning	Point of contact
Education and daycares	January 6, 2022	Continuance of school closure	Point of contact
Education and daycares	January 27, 2022	Measures to support the reopening of schools	Document and point of contact