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Hello EarlyON Families and Caregivers!

Thank you for your ongoing efforts that have made the EarlyON re-opening process possible, and for adhering to enhanced public health and safety measures during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The holidays are going to look a little different this year and we understand that there may be challenges ahead, but we encourage all families to consider how we can work together to make this time as safe as possible, and start 2021 off right.

We would also like to remind you about the actions we are taking to reinforce the health and safety protocols aimed at protecting us all while limiting the spread of COVID-19.

During the holidays, it is important for everyone to adhere to [the public health measures](#) in our community, at home with family, at work and child care or EarlyON. By [following public health advice](#), we can all have a safe and fun holiday season. You can check the provincial government's [holiday web page](#) for more direct and up-to-date guidance on how individuals and families can plan for a safe holiday season.

Beginning December 21st until January 15th, all EarlyON programming will be offered virtually. The option of attending in-person programs will resume on Monday, January 18th. When in-person programming begins, we want to remind participants that we will continue to:

- Reinforce masking and hand hygiene etiquette

- Physical distancing measures will remain in place
- Ensure that everyone is screened before they enter the premises
- Perform enhanced cleaning and disinfecting of the toys, equipment, and premises

As a reminder, individuals showing symptoms of illness should not attend EarlyON programs. All participants, staff, and visitors must be screened for symptoms of illness before entering. To help meet this requirement, please use [the provincial COVID-19 school screening tool](#) or, the screening tool required by your local public health unit.

Additionally, visit Ontario.ca/covidresponse to learn the public health measures in place in our community. Remember that these measures could change depending on public health trends, so please visit the website regularly.

We also suggest visiting the [Grey Bruce Public Health Homepage \(publichealthgreybruce.on.ca\)](https://publichealthgreybruce.on.ca) as they may also have helpful resources and supports.

If you have any questions about the enhanced health and safety measures Bruce County EarlyON has implemented in response to COVID-19, please let me know.

Warm wishes for a safe and happy holiday season,

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