

June 5, 2003

Dear Child Care Operators in Peel,

This is to advise and assure you, your staff, parents and guardians of children in your care that Peel Health continues to monitor the local situation with SARS, and is taking every precaution to protect the health and safety of everyone in the community.

At present, there are no SARS cases in Peel.

Currently, Peel Health continues to identify and monitor Peel residents who were at a small number of Toronto health care facilities during specified dates. The information on affected health care facilities is available at www.region.peel.on.ca and may change as the investigation in Toronto unfolds.

Occasionally, child care centre staff, parents or children may be among those identified as being at these health care institutions and should isolate themselves and call Peel Health at 905-799-7700. Persons who are on home isolation because of possible SARS exposure do not pose a risk to others unless they are ill.

Further information on SARS is available by calling Health Line Peel at 905-799-7700, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday.

The Region's Web site at www.region.peel.ca is revised daily with the most current information, and everyone is encouraged to check it frequently, including your staff, parents and guardians of children in your care. It is the best source of up-to-date information on understanding SARS and the precautions being taken to reduce the risk of spread in the Region of Peel.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. McKeown', with a stylized, cursive script.

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