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COVID-19 : CHILD CARE AND OTHERS

The FSSS-CSN continues to closely monitor developments to deal with COVID-19. We wish to make our contribution so that the measures announced by the Legault government can slow the curve and respect the rights of network personnel.

Emergency guard services for network staff

Health and social services workers will be able to continue using the child care network. The announcement was made by the Ministers of Family and Education on March 15.

Childcare services for whom?

Parents working in essential services (health and social services, pre-hospital, police, firefighters and correctional officers) and those working in these childcare services are the only ones who will be able to use the educational childcare network for the next two weeks.

The government will pay the parental contribution as well as the subsidy for childcare services for this period.

Childcare center

Parents who do not have a place in a childcare service will be able to obtain one for the period concerned. You can consult the [locator](#) or you can call 1 855 336-8568 for more information.

For those who already attend a daycare service, they can continue to use it according to the usual schedule and conditions.

School

If your child attends school (4 to 13 years old), emergency childcare services will be available in some schools.

Information and registration for [emergency school daycare services](#).

Consult the [list of establishments open](#) to facilitate the selection of your emergency childcare service.

Negotiation and COVID-19

On March 15, the CSN and public sector union organizations met with the Prime Minister and the President of the Conseil du trésor on negotiation and the coronavirus.

The «guardian angels» will be there, in solidarity with the whole population. The union organizations and the Conseil du trésor have agreed to suspend negotiations until April 5.

We have told the government that we expect it to support workers in their efforts. This recognition must be concretely translated, in particular by ensuring that the crisis does not have a financial burden on the staff and by maintaining the bonuses and lump sums beyond March 30, the expected date of their maturity.

Communication channels in all sectors and at all levels, both national and local, must continue to be strengthened. We also stressed the importance of coordinating messages sent to the field in order to ensure consistency in the information that will circulate.

State of health emergency

On March 14, the government declared a state of health emergency. This measure is in effect for a period of 10 days and will notably allow the government to make purchases without invitation to tender and to recall retired nurses by eliminating administrative procedures.

Visit to CHSLDs and hospitals

As of March 14, 2020, regular visits to hospitals, CHSLDs, intermediate resources, family-type resources and private seniors' residences will be prohibited in order to protect the most vulnerable and the personnel of the network.

Stay informed in real time

In the coming weeks, it will be essential to have the information as quickly as possible. To get there, here are several important links.

- [Facebook page](#)
- [CSN web page](#)
- [FSSS-CSN web site](#)
- [Portail du gouvernement du Québec](#)

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