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Friday March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

Dear Parents,

As we continue to monitor information regarding Covid-19, we urge parents to take time and check our website through March Break for any new developments. While we have learned that the Ministry of Education has closed public schools until Friday April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020, they have explicitly informed us that **no such directive** is present for licensed childcares in the province. Instead, the following update has been provided:

Any students at your child care centre who are returning from travel from outside of Canada:

- Must NOT return to child care centres;
- Must <u>self-isolate</u> and <u>self-monitor</u> for COVID-19 symptoms (cold-like • symptoms) for 14 days upon return;
- If symptoms develop, they must immediately call Halton Region Public Health at 311.

Because common influenza and Covid-19 may have similar symptoms upon onset, we will be adopting the following as well:

- Any child with a cold or a fever (37.5C and up), irrespective of cause will be • required to stay home until they are symptom free for a minimum of 48 hours.
- Any child with a bout of diarrhea, irrespective of cause, will be required to stay home until diarrhea has subsided for a minimum of 48 hours.

We ask that you adhere to this policy strictly for the protection of students and staff. Any parents of a child displaying symptoms, will be notified for immediate pickup.

We will continue to update parents on information as it becomes available to us, and appreciate parents working with us for the safety of all of our children, parents and staff.

Sincerely,

Hopedale Montessori School