

Child care and early learning updates e-newsletter

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Welcome to The Regional Municipality of Durham's child care and early learning updates e-newsletter. These e-newsletters provide licensed child care operators in Durham Region with updated information related to child care.

This edition includes the following topics:

- Reminder: Snow day school bus cancellation process
- Red Flags – Signals for Support reference guide

Reminder: Snow day school bus cancellation process

As winter weather is upon us, it is time for a reminder about snow days. If the buses are cancelled due to inclement weather and a child normally takes the bus to school, the child care provider may be eligible for a full day of care if they are able to offer the full day.

If there is a PA day in the same month as the snow day, please add a comment on the attendance report under the full day code which should auto-populate due to the PA day that month. If a full-day code is missing, connect with the accounting clerk prior to completing the attendance to have it added to the attendance.

If there is a snow day in a month without a PA day, each centre must submit a list to their Fee Subsidy caseworker of the children who attended the full day. The full-day code will then be added to these children's Ontario Child Care Management System (OCCMS) placement, so the provider will get paid for the day.

Children who normally walk to and from school are not affected by snow days and are not eligible for any extended child care coverage. These full-day payments are dependent on funding availability and will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

Red Flags – Signals for Support reference guide

The Durham Region Red Flags - Signals for Support reference guide has been updated to reflect the most current information and guidance. The updated version is now available electronically for your convenience.

The Red Flags - Signals for Support reference guide is designed to assist early years professionals with identifying early signs of developmental concern, and to support in

encouraging families to seek additional screening, assessment, and/or treatment from healthcare professionals and other specialists.

This resource was adapted with the permission of The Regional Municipality of York and created through the collaboration and contributions of our community partners, whose insights and expertise were invaluable in its development. The updated document is available on Durham.ca under Resources for Child Care Professionals, [Red Flags - Signals for Support](#). Limited hard copies of the reference guide will be printed and distributed to licensed child care centres in 2026.