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**To:** Schools, Before and After School Programs, Child Care Providers, Sports and Recreation Facilities

**Subject:** Guidance for day programs held on Professional Development (PD) Days and Board-Designated Holidays for school-aged children

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This memo is intended to support the safe operation of PD day and board-designated holiday day programs and to ensure the health and safety of staff, students, parents/guardians and essential visitors. WDG Public Health is monitoring community spread and positive cases of COVID-19 in our communities and will adjust our advice if a rise in cases warrants more precautions.

Please refer to the below guidance for planning and operating PD day and board-designated holiday day programs.

### **Before and After School Programs (BASP)**

- Children who are already registered in pre-existing cohorts cannot be mixed or combined together for a PD day or board-designated holiday day program.
- One location can operate day programming for multiple schools/child care cohorts, but cohorts are required to remain in separate areas for programming.
- Programs must follow the [Checklist for Before and After School Programs](#).

### **Other Organizations (other than BASP)**

- It is not recommended to run PD day or board-designated holiday day programs unless pre-established cohorts already exist (i.e., from weekly programming) and these cohorts can be maintained, and the organization can ensure cohorts will not mix during a program.
- If a day program is organized, the rules outlined in [Regulation 364/20](#) for the specific sports or recreation program would apply. Visit the [Sports and Recreation section](#) of our website for more information.
- Organizers should also review the [Checklist for Children's Day Camps/Programs](#).

### **Resources:**

- [Ministry of Education Before and After School Programs - Kindergarten – Grade 6](#)
- [Online School and Child Care Screening Tool](#)