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## IMPORTANT NOTICE: UPDATE TO COVID-19 ABSENT DAYS FUNDING ENHANCEMENTS

Hello Discovery Early Learning & Care Families;

We have recently been notified by the City of Greater Sudbury and Ministry of Education, that funding to cover COVID-19 absent days will no longer be provided to Discovery Early Learning & Care effective April 1, 2022.

In keeping with the province's direction in moving to the *Roadmap Exit Step* on March 1, 2022, please consider this as notice that you will be responsible to pay for all absent days, including COVID-19 related absent days for your child. We will resume our operating policies and procedures related to absent days for both subsidized and full fee families effective April 1, 2022.

We are very disappointed that funding for COVID-19 absent days will no longer be available to us but to meet operational obligations, we will have to invoice all absent days to you moving forward. We will continue to advocate for our families. We realize that this could become a huge financial burden for families but hope that the number of positive cases continues to decrease in our community.

If you need to review our Family Handbook, it can be found on our website.

[www.discoverycare.ca](http://www.discoverycare.ca)

The Public Health Unit community plan, *From Risk to Recovery and Resilience* can be accessed at the link below.

<https://www.phsd.ca/health-topics-programs/diseases-infections/coronavirus/reports-and-infographics-covid-19/public-health-sudbury-districts-and-the-covid-19-pandemic-from-risk-to-recovery-and-resilience-february-2022/>

We will continue to share any further directions and guidance from the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Education in regards to COVID-19 as they are received.

Stay safe,  
Tracy Saarikoski  
Executive Director

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