March 18th, 2020

To Mayne Island Families and Community Members,

In accordance with the latest directives from the provincial government and the Island Health childcare licensing office, **the Mayne Island Daycare will remain open** until further notice.

Premier John Horgan announced yesterday that while schools will be closed indefinitely following spring break, school-based daycares will remain open. MIECS is acting in accordance with this directive. We recognize that this is an evolving situation, and if we are given different directions from health officials, we will act accordingly.

Our daycare staff is taking extra precautions, including heightened sanitation practices, to protect our families and staff. We also respect the choice of all families to keep their children home from the daycare, if they so choose.

We will continue to follow directives of the health authorities, and to inform families of any changes as they occur. Here are some resources for support and information:

**Mayne Island Health Centre** website: <https://mayneislandhealth.ca/>

**Island Health:** <https://www.islandhealth.ca/learn-about-health/diseases-conditions/novel-coronavirus-information>

**Provincial Health Services Authority:** <http://www.bccdc.ca/health-info/diseases-conditions/covid-19?utm_campaign=20200311_GCPE_AM_COVID_2_NOTIFICATION_BCGOV_BCGOV_EN_BC__NOTIFICATION>

**New Provincial COVID-19 Hot Line:** A dedicated phone line has been established to answer questions and provide information about the coronavirus. **Call: 888-COVID19 (888.268.4319)**

Let’s keep taking good care of each other,

Mayne Island Early Childhood Society.