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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE YMCA OF SASKATOON RESPONSE TO COVID-19**

Saskatoon, **October 27, 2020** – Under the guidance and direction of the Saskatchewan Health Authority and Ministry of Education, the YMCA of Saskatoon has been actively working since March 16, 2020 to implement preventative measures to reduce the threat of COVID-19 spreading within YMCA of Saskatoon’s Child Development Centre. Today we were advised that a person who was in the **Sutherland Child Development Centre on Fri Oct 23<sup>rd</sup>** tested positive for the coronavirus. The YMCA is working cooperatively with the Saskatchewan Health Authority to ensure they have all the information needed to conduct thorough contact tracing.

The YMCA operates four Child Development Care Centres throughout Saskatoon and Martensville serving approximately 400 children. The Sutherland Child Development Centre has 35 children registered with varying attendance schedules. All COVID-19 public health guidelines have been followed within the program including increased sanitization and disinfecting, reduced capacity, increased physical distancing, and staff training.

The YMCA of Saskatoon was advised to close our Sutherland Child Development Centre and that may be up to **14 days** from the date the person was last there. We will know more details as we get them from the Saskatchewan Health Authority. This means we anticipate the latest re-opening of the centre on **Nov 9<sup>th</sup>**.

During this closure, the Saskatchewan Health Authority will complete thorough contact tracing to identify anyone who may have been in close contact with this individual. We will also be in regular communication with our childcare families throughout the next period as we want to ensure that they are safe and informed.

### **About the YMCA of Saskatoon**

The Saskatoon YMCA serves over 10000 individuals through membership and program participation. Services range from on-site and in-school childcare to summer day camps to health, fitness and recreation programs.

### **For more specific information regarding the Sutherland Childcare, please contact:**

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Any questions for the other Childcares and BASC School programs please contact the appropriate Director. The main directory is available at 306-652-7515.