

# Child care for health care and frontline staff <sup>[1]</sup>

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### About emergency child care

Some health care and frontline workers can send their children to emergency child care while they are at work. Find out if you are eligible to send your child to emergency child care. Licensed child care centres were legally required to close on March 17, 2020 when Ontario ordered a declaration of emergency. The Ministry of Education has been working with service system managers and First Nations to open select emergency child care centres to support health care and other frontline workers. This is in partnership with service system managers and First Nations partners.

### Eligibility

The following people are eligible for emergency child care:

- regulated and unregulated health care providers; for example, doctors, nurses, paramedics, personal support workers
- police officers and members of a police force other than a police officer, as defined in the Police Services Act
- firefighters and those engaged in providing fire protection services or employed in a fire department, as defined under section 1 of the Fire Protection and Prevention Act, 1997
- coroners
- those working in correctional institutions, including those working in the Institutional Services Division or Community Services Division, and other justice-related settings (as determined by municipalities), including those employed in a place of secure custody or a place of secure temporary detention
- animal welfare inspectors
- Employees of Compass Group Canada Ltd. who work at or provide services in relation to the Cook Chill Food Production Centre
- Individuals employed in the Direct Operated Facilities Branch of the Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services (MCCSS)
- those performing work that is essential to the delivery of core services in their communities, as determined by the municipality or First Nation
- those working in emergency child care settings

### Find an emergency child care centre

Municipal service system managers and First Nations have plans approved to open select child care centres. To get more details about registration, health care and other frontline workers can contact their local Child Care Service System Managers, known as Consolidated Municipal Service Managers (CMSMs) and District Social Services Administration Boards (DSSABs). They manage child care services across the province. This list will be updated as more plans are approved.

### Wellington

Wellington Home Child Care

### Oshawa

Lakewoods Early Learning and Child Care Centre  
353 Chaleur  
Oshawa, Ontario  
L1J 1G5

#### **Durham**

Ajax Early Learning and Child Care Centre  
22 Centennial  
Ajax, Ontario  
L1S 3K4 Pickering Early Learning and Child Care Centre  
1262 Radom  
Pickering, Ontario

L1W 1J4 Whitby Early Learning and Child Care Centre  
501 Dunlop  
Whitby, Ontario  
L1N 1S8 Edna Thompson Early Learning and Child Care Centre  
410 North Scugog  
Bowmanville, Ontario  
L1C 3K2 Circles in the Sun Wee Watch Enriched Home Child Care Whitby Wee Watch Enriched Home Child Care Oshawa East Wee Watch Enriched Home Child Care Ajax/Pickering

#### **Niagara**

Wee Watch Licensed Child Care Niagara

#### **Hamilton**

Today's Family Private Home Daycare Golfwood Day Care Services Inc. (Wee Watch) Wee Watch Private Home Day Care – Stoney Creek

#### **Peterborough**

Compass Early Learning and Care HCC Agency Wee Watch Private Home Day Care – Peterborough

#### **Cornwall**

City of Cornwall Home Child Care Agency  
Various United County of Leeds & Grenville K.A.F.R.C. – South Branch Infant / Toddler Program Kemptville Area Family Resource Centre  
2655 Concession Road  
Kemptville, Ontario  
K0G 1J0

#### **Timiskaming**

Keepers of the Circle New Liskeard  
421 Shepherdson Rd.  
New Liskeard, Ontario  
P0J 1P0 Keepers of the Circle Kirkland Lake  
109 Burnside Drive  
P.O. Box 102  
Kirkland Lake, Ontario  
P2N 2V5 Centre pour enfants Timiskaming Child Care HHCA

#### **Toronto**

Falstaff Early Learning & Child Care  
10 Falstaff Avenue  
Toronto, Ontario  
M6L 2C7 Jesse Ketchum Early Learning & Child Care  
7 Berryman Street  
Toronto,  
M5R 1M7 Thomas Berry Early Learning & Child Care  
3495 Lakeshore Blvd West  
Toronto,  
M8W 1N5 Malvern Early Learning & Child Care  
1321 Neilson, Toronto  
M1B 3C2

#### **Halton**

### Criteria for a child care centre to open

Before opening its doors to provide emergency child care to support health care and other frontline workers, a child care centre must adhere to strict measures and criteria. The child care centre:

- must be an existing child care centre
- must meet all requirements set out in the Child Care and Early Years Act, 2014
- must follow all current ministry policies and guidelines. The ministry will consider amending licenses as needed to support mixed-age groupings
- must consult the local Medical Officer of Health, who must be supportive of all settings established
- must have a plan or protocol in place in the event that a child, parent or staff member at the site is exposed to COVID-19
- cannot have more than 50 people in the location at one time, including children, employees, parents and guardians. This number may change as the pandemic situation evolves
- must be thoroughly cleaned every day and before opening
- must not allow visitors to enter the centre

For more information about how to become an emergency child care provider, please contact your local Consolidated Municipal Service Managers and District Social Services Administration Boards.

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