

Toronto opens 4 emergency child care centres for essential workers ^[1]

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Toronto has opened four emergency child care centres, scattered across the city, for essential workers.

The province announced last Sunday it would allow some childcare centres to stay open to care for the children of health workers and first responders.

The centres will be funded by the Ontario government.

The child care service will be provided for free for all children under 12 and will operate seven-days-a-week, 24 hours a day.

A full list of essential workers eligible for free child care is available on the city's website. It includes health care workers, first responders (police, fire and ambulance service) Toronto Public Health workers, long-term care workers, and TTC workers.

Workers are asked to apply online as soon as possible as space is limited and will be given out on a first-come, first-serve basis. The city says it will prioritize space for health care workers and first responders if the demand exceeds the amount of spaces.

The child care centres in Toronto will be:

- Malvern Early Learning and Child Care centre on Neilson Road;
- Jesse Ketchum Early Learning and Child Care centre on Berryman Street at Davenport and Bay Streets;
- Thomas Berry Early Learning and Child Care centre at Lake Shore Boulevard and Thirtieth Street and;
- Falstaff Early Learning and Child Care centre on Falstaff Avenue at Jane and Wilson Streets.

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