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The Ford government announced Thursday that a large portion of the Ontario economy will begin to reopen next week amid the coronavirus pandemic.

The move is sure to leave some parents scrambling for child care but a spokesperson for Education Minister Stephen Lecce told Global News that home-based child care has always been an option for those in need since Ontario Premier Doug Ford declared a state of emergency on March 17.

"Home-based child care (licensed and unlicensed) continues to be an option for parents who need care, as it is not included in the emergency order to close," spokesperson Alexandra Adamo told Global News through email. "We continue to provide emergency childcare available to our essential workers who continue to aid in the fight against COVID-19."

Some Ontarians may be surprised to learn that these options already existed.

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