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Premier Dwight Ball says the provincial child care subsidy will not be extended beyond June 26th.

Gail Sullivan of Happy Times Day Care has been working in child care for 40 years and says many child care centres may close come June 26th

Sullivan says while the subsidy has kept child care centres going, she expects things will change dramatically when that funding comes to an end.

Child care centres can only operate at 70 per cent capacity, with a 30 per cent shortfall. Parents will be asked to pay for spaces that may not be available to them. She says parent centres are preparing to close on the 26th of June.

Sullivan says the current situation is unsustainable because many parents are choosing not to come back at this time.

She admits it's nearly impossible to exercise social distancing among children and she expects there will be outbreaks which have been seen in other areas if the virus resurges in the community.

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