

# Child care and COVID-19 in Canada

## Overview and outline

The COVID-19 pandemic has been a fact of life in Canada since mid-March 2020, profoundly impacting child care provision along with just about every aspect of life for Canadians. The Childcare Resource and Research Unit (CRRU) has developed a comprehensive information source on child care and COVID-19 in Canada.

Most of the following menu items are updated regularly and arranged by province/territory where appropriate.

These topics are separate ISSUE files:

- [COVID- 19 Reopening child care and schools](#) <sup>[1]</sup>
- [Research on children and COVID-19](#) <sup>[2]</sup>
- [Community and policy responses](#) <sup>[3]</sup>
- [The pandemic: Women, child care and the economy](#) <sup>[4]</sup>

These items are available within this issue file:

- [News responses by province/territory](#) <sup>[5]</sup>
- [International response to the pandemic](#) <sup>[6]</sup>
- [Child care services over the period of the COVID-19 pandemic](#) <sup>[7]</sup>
- [Emergency child care for essential workers](#) <sup>[8]</sup>

## Reports from a national survey of child care providers

The purpose of this survey, conducted in May 2020, was to learn about the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on early learning and child care provision, finances, and concerns for the future.

- [The pandemic experience has created an uncertain future for Canadian child care services: Highlights of a national survey](#) <sup>[9]</sup>.  
A short report of highlights of the survey results.
- [Canadian child care: Preliminary results from a national survey during the COVID-19 pandemic](#) <sup>[10]</sup>.  
This report provides the survey data by province/territory in table form as well as additional comments provided by respondents, also provided by province/territory.

## CRRU calls for support for Canadian families and the child care sector

Please note: The plan below is now outdated. As child care sectors across Canada move into the recovery phase of the COVID-19 pandemic, see [Child Care Now's - Strategy for recovery: Making affordable child care for ALL a reality](#) <sup>[11]</sup> which includes a recommendation for a two-phase approach by the federal government in the aftermath of COVID-19.

**March 2020** - We at Childcare Resource and Research Unit, together with other child care researchers and organizations are calling on Canadian governments to collaborate to support families, children, the child care workforce, and child care service providers with the aim of:

1. Closing all licensed child care for regular (non-essential parent-workers) use until social distancing is no longer necessary;
2. Ensuring the availability of free age-appropriate child care services for children 0-12 years during the closure period for those parents required to work in essential services (grocery employees, postal workers, corrections facilities, emergency services, child care providers, nurses, doctors, etc.). These services will make use of existing licensed child care to ensure the necessary infrastructure is available and incorporate all possible protocols and measures to ensure maximum health and safety of children, educators, parents and the community;
3. Continuing to pay all child care staff (educators, cooks, directors, supervisors, providers) as if they were still working;
4. Ensuring parent fees are suspended during closures;
5. Maintaining all government funding to service providers during closures and provide additional funding to compensate for the loss of income from parent fees and/or parent subsidies.

Note that this has been updated from a previous version following community input.

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# Child care and COVID-19 news responses

This section provides all relevant provincial/ territorial news articles on COVID-19 since March 2020.

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Use these links to access provincial/territorial news articles:

NL <sup>[13]</sup>/ NS <sup>[14]</sup>/ NB <sup>[15]</sup>/ PE <sup>[16]</sup>/ QC <sup>[17]</sup>/ ON <sup>[18]</sup>/ MB <sup>[19]</sup>/ SK <sup>[20]</sup>/ AB <sup>[21]</sup>/ BC <sup>[22]</sup>/ NT <sup>[23]</sup>/ NU <sup>[24]</sup>/ YK <sup>[25]</sup>

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## Canada

### COVID-19 and child care news in Canada

**Justin Trudeau's government says it champions women. Proroguing Parliament suggests otherwise** <sup>[26]</sup>  
The Star, 25 August 2020

**To follow in Freeland's footsteps child care must be a national priority**  
The Start, 23 August 2020

**Nothing 'off the table' as federal NDP calls for \$2 billion infusion into child care** <sup>[27]</sup>  
Humboldt Journal, 23 August 2020

**The post-pandemic future: Affordable child care will save the economy** <sup>[28]</sup>  
Toronto Life, 19 August 2020

**Canada's economic recovery depends on working moms** <sup>[29]</sup>  
Refinery 29, 18 August 2020

**Pandemic threatens to wipe out decades of progress for working mothers** <sup>[30]</sup>  
CBC News, 17 August 2020

**Singh calls on feds to fund \$10 billion for child care over next 4 years** <sup>[31]</sup>  
Huffington Post, 15 August 2020

**Growing concern over proposed changes to child care regulations** <sup>[32]</sup>  
CTV News, 13 August 2020

**As schools prepare to reopen during COVID-19, are the kids alright?** <sup>[33]</sup>  
The Conversation, 12 August 2020

**Penticton, B.C., parents scramble to find child care as city develops action plan** <sup>[34]</sup>  
Global News, 11 August 2020

**Kids may find masks uncomfortable, but they'll be vital to stopping COVID-19 in schools, says expert** <sup>[35]</sup>  
CBC Radio, 10 August 2020

**COVID-19 guidance for schools Kindergarten to Grade 12** <sup>[36]</sup>  
Government of Canada, 9 August 2020

**Has the COVID-19 pandemic made a national child care plan an easier sell for Justin Trudeau?** <sup>[37]</sup>  
The Globe and Mail, 6 August 2020

**'Pandemic pods': How some parents plan on educating their kids in September** <sup>[38]</sup>  
CTV News, 30 July 2020

**COVID-19 risks for kids are low, must be balanced against cost of being out of school, doctors say** <sup>[39]</sup>  
CBC News, 28 July 2020

**Calls to fully reopen schools in September are on a collision course with reality** <sup>[40]</sup>  
Globe and Mail, 27 July 2020

**We can't let COVID-19 destroy economic gains for women** <sup>[41]</sup>  
The Toronto Star, 24 July 2020

**An aging Canada can't afford to have women out of the labour force** <sup>[42]</sup>  
The Guardian, 24 July 2020

**Feds respond to COVID-19 child-care frustrations with \$625M cash infusion** <sup>[43]</sup>

CTV News, 24 July 2020

**The economics of childcare** [44]

CBC Radio One - The Cost of Living, 17 July 2020

**Chrystia Freeland on 'As It Happens' Q&A** [45]

Childcare at: [6:08]

CBC Radio - As It Happens, 17 July 2020

**Childcare is an economic issue Canadians need to tackle, say economists and parents alike** [46]

CBC News, 17 July 2020

**Women's participation in labour force reaches lowest level in three decades: RBC** [47]

The Star, 16 July 2020

**Federal government to provide provinces and territories with \$19B for 'safe restart' of economy** [48]

CBC News, 16 July 2020

**Video: Trudeau announces provinces will receive \$19 billion to restart their economies** [49]

Child care at: [1:10]

Global News, 16 July 2020 - Access video via YouTube

**When a pandemic hits, working moms pay the price** [50]

The Tyee, 15 July 2020

**83% of teachers surveyed express concerns about returning to school in September** [51]

The Globe and Mail, 13 July 2020

**Uncertainty over schooling plans has working mothers mulling leaving workforce** [52]

CTV News/ The Canadian Press, 13 July 2020

**Canada's cautious school reopening plans leave moms in the lurch** [53]

Reuters, 12 July 2020

**Parents, trapped: Lack of childcare could undermine economic recovery and hurt women, but the solution is expensive** [54]

The Globe and Mail, 11 July 2020

**Canadian women struggling to return to work** [55]

Global News, 10 July 2020

**Childcare reform: Why aren't dads demanding better support, too?** [56]

Chatelaine, 9 July 2020

**Fiscal snapshot supports calls for a gendered approach to economic relief** [57]

CTV News, 9 July 2020

**COVID-19 has fostered 'perfect storm pushing women out of their jobs': UBC study co-author** [58]

Vancouver Sun, 9 July 2020

**Jagmeet Singh, Elizabeth May urge Trudeau to help women and immigrants hurt by COVID-19** [59]

National Observer, 8 July 2020

**Opinion: The pandemic is hurting Canada's working mothers** [60]

The Globe and Mail, 8 July 2020

**Karina Roman: Parents, provinces call on Ottawa to help ensure schools open in the fall** [61]

CBC News, 4 July 2020

**Child care a priority in federal COVID-19 help for provinces, PM says** [62]

Yahoo News!, 3 July 2020

**Education is a human right, but it certainly hasn't been a COVID-19 priority** [63]

The Globe and Mail, 2 July 2020

**Video: Coronavirus: The future of daycare and child care services** [64]

Global News, 28 June 2020

**Coronavirus: The future of daycare and child care services** [65]

Global News, 28 June 2020

**Child care after the coronavirus pandemic should be more inclusive of children with disabilities** [66]

The Conversation, 24 June 2020

**Coronavirus forces child-care centres to reduce capacity, leaving parents scrambling** [67]

Global News, 25 June 2020

**For some non-profits, COVID-19 isn't just a struggle. It's a do-or-die moment** <sup>[68]</sup>

CBC News, 26 June 2020

**National childcare strategy will be a lynchpin of economic recovery, says Martha Friendly** <sup>[69]</sup>

CBC News, 19 June 2020

**Child care strategy a golden opportunity** <sup>[70]</sup>

The Hamilton Spectator, 23 June 2020

**Ottawa urged to earmark billions for child care as provinces reopen** <sup>[71]</sup>

The Toronto Star, 22 June 2020

**Better public child care is the engine we need for recovery post-coronavirus** <sup>[72]</sup>

The Conversation, 15 June 2020

**As daycares reopen, parents are facing impossible decisions to keep kids safe from COVID-19** <sup>[73]</sup>

The National Post, 12 June 2020

**The COVID-19 pandemic is remapping childhood—and the effects may linger** <sup>[74]</sup>

Macleans, 11 June 2020

**Extending CERB for months could double \$60-billion budget, PBO report suggests** <sup>[75]</sup>

Financial Post, 10 June 2020

**Parent/ Family survey: Impact of COVID-19 on Canadians: Parenting during the pandemic** <sup>[76]</sup>

Statistics Canada, June 2020

**As Canadian economy reopens, will child care be there to support working parents?** <sup>[77]</sup>

The Toronto Star, 10 June 2020

**On child care, politicians are doing exactly what they said they wouldn't. Women are paying the price** <sup>[78]</sup>

The Toronto Star, 5 June 2020

**PSAC calls for more measures to support workers facing child care challenges** <sup>[79]</sup>

PSAC Union, 5 June 2020

**Video: House of Commons Standing Committee on Human Resources - Meeting no.16** <sup>[80]</sup>

Armine Yalnizyan, 4 June 2020

**Video: Lack of child care impacting return to work process** <sup>[81]</sup>

Global News, 4 June 2020

**There is no economic recovery without adequate child care** <sup>[82]</sup>

The Star, 2 June 2020

**Deal on child care support said to be 'very close'** <sup>[83]</sup>

CTV News, 28 May 2020

**Without more support for child care, economic recovery will be slow, says, expert** <sup>[84]</sup>

CBC Current, 22 May 2020

**Child care restrictions preventing some from going back to work as economy reopens** <sup>[85]</sup>

CTV News, 18 May 2020

**Feds quietly probe expanded role for child care in post-pandemic recovery** <sup>[86]</sup>

The Star, 18 May 2020

**Child care is essential to our economic recovery** <sup>[87]</sup>

The Star, 11 May 2020

**Trudeau advisers say there is a way out of the Covid-19 downturn: Child care** <sup>[88]</sup>

Andy Blatchford, Politico, 8 May 2020

**Ottawa urged to spend on child care to help economy emerge from pandemic** <sup>[89]</sup>

The Star, 6 May 2020

**Coronavirus outbreak: Trudeau says government committed to providing affordable childcare spaces** <sup>[90]</sup>

Global News, 12 May 2020

**Ottawa urged to spend on child care to help economy emerge from pandemic** <sup>[91]</sup>

The Star, 6 May 2020

**Public health officials take seriously new research that children may not be superpreaders after all** <sup>[92]</sup>

CBC News, 4 May 2020

'What do we do with the kids?' Experts say child care needed in reopening plans <sup>[93]</sup>  
CTV News, May 2020

**Justin Trudeau says he's committed to gender equality. He just missed a chance to prove it** <sup>[94]</sup>  
The Star, 1 May 2020

Survey for parents: Parenting during the pandemic <sup>[95]</sup>  
University of Manitoba

In some provinces, parents are paying thousands to shuttered daycares to keep their child's spots <sup>[96]</sup>  
The Globe and Mail, 17 April 2020

Opinion: COVID-19 crisis shows the importance of early child care <sup>[97]</sup>  
Edmonton Journal, 18 April 2020

COVID-19's impact: not recession, but completely different economics <sup>[98]</sup>  
Toronto Star, 9 April 2020

Canadians who don't qualify for CERB, other COVID-19 support fear falling through cracks <sup>[99]</sup>  
Huffington Post, 8 April 2020

Are you the perfect quarantine parent? (No and there's no need to be) <sup>[100]</sup>  
The Star, 2 April 2020

**Some licensed child-care centres won't survive COVID-19 closures, industry warns** <sup>[101]</sup>  
CBC News, 31 March 2020

5 ways to help children cope during a pandemic <sup>[102]</sup>  
Ryerson University, 30 March 2020

COVID-19: Justin Trudeau unveils funding for families, small businesses amid coronavirus uncertainty <sup>[103]</sup>  
Global News, 18 March 2020

COVID-19: Canada's medical workers scramble to find child care amid COVID-19 outbreak <sup>[104]</sup>  
Globe and Mail, 16 March 2020  
Mon, 09/14/2020

## Newfoundland

### Newfoundland: COVID-19 child care in the news

Child advocate wants N.L.'s school plan tweaked, as kindergarten parent fights for first day changes <sup>[105]</sup>  
CBC News, 20 August 2020

Kids or career? Lack of child care means tough choice for Labrador families <sup>[106]</sup>  
CBC News, 14 July 2020

Daycares can return to full capacity at Alert Level 2, but operators say it's almost impossible <sup>[107]</sup>  
CBC News, 18 June 2020

Your children or your job: Pandemic forcing some parents to make tough decisions <sup>[108]</sup>  
CBC News, 7 June 2020

Child care subsidy won't be extended despite looming closures <sup>[109]</sup>  
VOCM, 3 June 2020

Working from home while trying to parent? Feel like you're failing at both? You're not alone <sup>[110]</sup>  
CBC News, 2 June 2020

Regulated child-care operators free until May 30, with list of rules for expansion <sup>[111]</sup>  
CBC News, 6 May 2020

Panel urges a feminist approach to COVID-19 recovery plan in Newfoundland and Labrador <sup>[112]</sup>  
The Telegram, 6 May 2020

Child care operators in Newfoundland and Labrador can reopen on May 11 <sup>[113]</sup>  
The Telegram, 2 May 2020

Child care details coming soon, says minister of early childhood development <sup>[114]</sup>  
CBC News, 1 May 2020

Substitute teachers, in-home care to be provided for kids of essential workers <sup>[115]</sup>

CBC News, 1 April 2020

COVID-19: Free child care for essential workers: here's how you can apply <sup>[116]</sup>  
CBC News, 26 March 2020

COVID-19: Minister Warr provides update of child care services <sup>[117]</sup>  
Government of Newfoundland, 18 March 2020

COVID-19: What parents paying for child care in N.L. need to know <sup>[118]</sup>  
CBC News, 24 March 2020

COVID-19: NL: Minister Warr announces financial supports for child care sector <sup>[119]</sup>  
Government of Newfoundland, 22 March 2020

COVID-19: NL: Daycare compensation package coming for parents still paying child care fees <sup>[120]</sup>  
VOCM Local News, 22 March 2020

COVID-19: 'Now is the time': N.L. to close all schools, regulated child-care centres to curb spread of COVID-19 <sup>[121]</sup>  
CBC News, 16 March 2020  
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## Nova Scotia

### Nova Scotia: COVID-19 child care in the news

Nova Scotia students likely back in school in the fall with social distancing: Teachers Union <sup>[122]</sup>  
Halifax Today, 13 July 2020

Child benefit increasing <sup>[123]</sup>  
Government of Nova Scotia, 29 June 2020

Nova Scotia child-care centres facing layoffs to stay afloat until September <sup>[124]</sup>  
Global News, 26 June 2020

Childcare re-opened but industry still under-funded: NDP critic <sup>[125]</sup>  
Halifax Today, 21 June 2020

Government failed at communicating re-opening of childcare sector: union <sup>[126]</sup>  
Halifax Today, 14 June 2020

Child-care providers hope COVID-19 leads to universal access in Nova Scotia <sup>[127]</sup>  
CBC News, 9 June 2020

Lack of child care holding women back in Nova Scotia <sup>[128]</sup>  
The Chronicle Herald, 7 June 2020

Nova Scotia health-care workers calling for more support in child care <sup>[129]</sup>  
Global News, 4 June 2020

Early childhood educator says province's reopening plan lacks clarity, consistency <sup>[130]</sup>  
The Chronicle Herald, 4 June 2020

Nova Scotia daycares will reopen on June 15 <sup>[131]</sup>  
CTV News, 2 June 2020

Farm families 'drowning' under pandemic pressures plead for child-care help  
CBC News, 2 June 2020

Commentary: No, Mr. Premier, child care doesn't happen organically <sup>[132]</sup>  
The Chronicle Herald, 2 June 2020

This essential worker's child-care costs have almost tripled during COVID-19 <sup>[133]</sup>  
CBC news, 25 May 2020

N.S. daycares, businesses prepare to reopen while waiting for government plan <sup>[134]</sup>  
CTV News, 12 May 2020

Nova Scotia schools to stay closed for remainder of the academic year <sup>[135]</sup>  
Global News, 8 May 2020

Nova Scotia to reassess child-care needs of essential workers <sup>[136]</sup>  
CBC News, 1 May 2020

COVID-19: Order by the medical officer of health under - Section 13 <sup>[137]</sup>  
Government of Nova Scotia, 24 March 2020

COVID-19: What parents need to know about school and daycare closures in Nova Scotia <sup>[138]</sup>  
CBC News, 16 March 2020  
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## New Brunswick

### COVID-19 and child care in the news in New Brunswick

Changes proposed to increase child safety at licensed early learning and child-care facilities <sup>[139]</sup>  
Government of NB, 9 June 2020

Daycare providers confused as government backtracks on non-contact thermometer use <sup>[140]</sup>  
CBC News, 16 June 2020

2 daycares affected by active case of COVID-19 in Campbellton region <sup>[141]</sup>  
CBC News, 25 May 2020

People must 'embrace the risk' of reopening daycares for the sake of recovery, Cardy says <sup>[142]</sup>  
CBC News, 14 May 2020

Some daycare operators, parents worried about plan to reopen amid COVID-19 pandemic <sup>[143]</sup>  
CBC News, 13 May 2020

No start day yet for New Brunswick daycares <sup>[144]</sup>  
CBC News, 7 May 2020

COVID-19: NB: Essential workers lose emergency daycare, despite COVID-19 plan <sup>[145]</sup>  
CBC News, 23 March 2020

N.B. working to get children of essential services workers in daycare during state of emergency <sup>[146]</sup>  
Global News, 20 March 2020

COVID-19: Association head says it's up to individual daycares to decide whether to charge fees <sup>[147]</sup>  
CBC News, 19 March 2020

COVID-19: N.B. chief medical officer recommending closure of childcare centers <sup>[148]</sup>  
Global News, 16 March 2020

COVID-19: N.B. parents preparing to deal with coronavirus-related daycare closures <sup>[149]</sup>  
Global News, 16 March 2020

COVID-19: New Brunswick: Health Department urges daycares to close <sup>[150]</sup>  
CBC News, 16 March 2020  
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## Prince Edward Island

### Prince Edward Island: COVID-19 and child care in the news

More P.E.I. parents becoming interested in home-schooling <sup>[151]</sup>  
CBC News, 28 July 2020

P.E.I. government 'putting the economy before the health of our children' <sup>[152]</sup>  
CBC News, 11 June 2020

Restrictions to ease further in child-care centres when P.E.I. enters Phase 3 <sup>[153]</sup>  
CBC News, 28 May 2020

P.E.I. child-care centres confident upon reopening <sup>[154]</sup>  
CBC News, 25 May 2020

Child-care spaces for Phase 2 on P.E.I. cut by about half from pre-pandemic <sup>[155]</sup>  
CBC, 15 May 2020

Prince Edward Island to offer \$75 per week stipend for childcare starting May 22 <sup>[156]</sup>  
Journal Pioneer, 13 May 2020

Child-care uncertainty 'really stressful' for some parents <sup>[157]</sup>

CBC News, 12 May 2020

Child-care centres, parents trying to navigate unknown future as COVID-19 restrictions ease <sup>[158]</sup>

CBC News, 29 April 2020

COVID-19: New educational and financial supports for Islanders <sup>[159]</sup>

Government of PEI, 20 March 2020

COVID-19: Amid COVID-19 concerns, P.E.I. daycare closures cause uncertainty for workers, parents <sup>[160]</sup>

CBC News, 16 March 2020

Schools and child-care centres close in light of COVID-19 on P.E.I. <sup>[161]</sup>

CBC News, 15 March 2020

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## Quebec

### Quebec: COVID-19 and child care in the news

Quebec childcare unions want regular wages resumed, pandemic changes overturned <sup>[162]</sup>

CTV News, 25 August 2020

Coronavirus: Quebec promises an 'updated' back-to-school plan next week <sup>[163]</sup>

Global News, 3 August 2020

Daycares in Quebec COVID-19 "hot zones" can increase capacity <sup>[164]</sup>

CTV News, 28 June 2020

Quebec drops physical distancing rules for children in daycares <sup>[165]</sup>

CTV News, 18 June 2020

Physicians demand Legault ease restriction rules for children <sup>[166]</sup>

Montreal Gazette, 7 June 2020

Montreal daycares are open again, but educators are worried about how the kids will respond <sup>[167]</sup>

CBC News, 31 May 2020

Jusqu'à 3000 travailleurs recherchés dans les CPE <sup>[168]</sup>

CBC Radio-Canada, 29 May 2020

Garderie et CPE rouverts depuis 3 semaines: Nous souhaitons un assouplissement des directives de distanciation physique <sup>[169]</sup>

98.5, 29 May 2020

Déconfinement et distanciation physique des enfants: Misons sur la pédagogie extérieure! <sup>[170]</sup>

100°, 11 May 2020

Des jeunes de 14 ans en renfort dans les garderies? <sup>[171]</sup>

Radio-Canada, 17 May 2020

Le recrutement d'éducatrices non qualifiées facilité dans les CPE <sup>[172]</sup>

Le Devoir, 13 May 2020

Nunavik childcare centres to remain closed this week, despite province reopening <sup>[173]</sup>

Nunatsiaq News, 11 May 2020

Quebec grants additional \$22M for unsubsidized childcare <sup>[174]</sup>

CTV News, 8 May 2020

16 infected north of Montreal in Quebec's first COVID-19 outbreak in a daycare <sup>[175]</sup>

CTV News, 6 May 2020

Montreal-area daycares change protocols, prepare for reopening, May 19th <sup>[176]</sup>

Global News, 5 May 2020

Staffing a concern for daycares as progressive openings approach <sup>[177]</sup>

Montreal Gazette, 4 May 2020

Video: Daycare educators in Quebec raise red flags <sup>[178]</sup>

CTV News, 28 April 2020



May opening of elementary schools, daycares 'a necessary decision,' says Quebec education minister <sup>[179]</sup>  
CBC News, 27 April 2020

Parents keeping children out of daycare will have to pay to hold space, minister confirms <sup>[180]</sup>  
Montreal Gazette, 3 May 2020

Quebec's move to reopen schools sows confusion, fear among parents <sup>[181]</sup>  
CBC News, 28 April 2020

Video: Quebec is planning to reopen schools. Here's how it will work <sup>[182]</sup>  
CBC News, 28 April 2020

Some frequently asked questions about progressive opening of daycares <sup>[183]</sup>  
Montreal Gazette, 5 May 2020

Services de garde éducatifs à l'enfance dans le contexte de la COVID-19 / Educational childcare services in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic <sup>[184]</sup>  
Gouvernement du Québec, 29 Avril 2020

Quebec's emergency day care workers call for COVID-19 pay increase <sup>[185]</sup>  
CTV News, 31 March 2020

COVID-19: These EMSB daycares will stay open for parents in essential services <sup>[186]</sup>  
CTV News, 16 March 2020

COVID-19: Quebec to offer free emergency daycare for healthcare workers <sup>[187]</sup>  
CTV News, 15 March 2020

COVID-19: Quebec to close all schools, daycares for at least two weeks in bid to contain coronavirus <sup>[188]</sup>  
Globe and Mail, 14 March 2020  
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## Ontario

### Ontario: COVID-19 and child care in the news

Daycare operator says mixing students from different classes 'basically negates' school plans <sup>[189]</sup>  
CTV News, 20 August 2020

Letter: Requests for access to City space for return to school plans <sup>[190]</sup>  
City of Toronto, 18 August 2020

Op-ed: Ontario needs a feminist recovery plan from COVID-19 <sup>[191]</sup>  
Now Toronto, 18 August 2020

Toronto school board says it needs more space, more time to prepare for smaller classes. The city says it can help <sup>[192]</sup>  
The Star, 14 August 2020

Powell and Ferns: Children's wellbeing depends on wellbeing of child care workers <sup>[193]</sup>  
Ottawa Citizen, 12 Aug 2020

Private school plans including smaller classes show stark inequities in education <sup>[194]</sup>  
CityNews, 11 August 2020

Analysis: Back-to-school plan shines light on neglect of Ontario's education system <sup>[195]</sup>  
Now, 9 August 2020

'Too many different bubbles'? Child care centres serving kids from different schools risky, some worry <sup>[196]</sup>  
CBC News, 8 August 2020

Historic agreement delivers over \$230 million for child care <sup>[197]</sup>  
Government of Ontario, 7 August 2020

Premier Ford and Minister Lecce neglect child care in school reopening plan <sup>[198]</sup>  
Financial Post, 6 August 2020

Update: Ford government plays shell game on funding for child care centres <sup>[199]</sup>  
Now Toronto, 6 August 2020

Child-care advocates warn Ontario daycares may not fully reopen in fall <sup>[200]</sup>  
The Star, 3 August 2020

Ontario elementary students will return to school full time, while some high schoolers will attend part-time [201]  
Ottawa Citizen, 31 July 2020

Ontario continues to gradually and safely reopen child care for working parents [202]  
Ontario Ministry of Education, 30 July 2020

COVID-19: Guidance for school reopening [203]  
Hospital for Sick Children, 29 July 2020

Medical experts led by SickKids release new back-to-school recommendations [204]  
CBC News, 29 July 2020

Child-care centres say they're ready to accept larger groups [205]  
CBC News, 27 July 2020

Less than half of Ontario daycares have reopened with school six weeks away [206]  
iHeartradio, 23 July 2020

Video: Province to spend \$500M on new schools, child care spaces [207]  
SooToday, 23 July 2020

Back to school, Part 1: An infectious-disease expert on reopening safely [208]  
TVO, 21 July 2020

Why some are critical of Ontario's plan to bring back daycares. [209]  
CBC Radio - Ottawa Morning, 20 July 2020

Ontario to ease childcare restrictions [210]  
TB News Watch, 14 July 2020

Premier Doug Ford pressed on child care, education during appearance in Cambridge [211]  
CBC News, 14 July 2020

Education in Ontario lacks transformational leadership at the top [212]  
The Star, 12 July 2020

Grandparents assuming more child-care duties – and risk – during pandemic [213]  
The London Free Press, 11 July 2020

Memo sent to Ontario school boards urges 5-day 'face-to-face' learning come fall [214]  
CBC News, 9 July 2020

'The kids are suffering': With emergency child care closed, some parents are running out of options [215]  
The Star, 8 July 2020

Lack of child care a struggle for parents, reopening economy [216]  
Yahoo! News, 8 July 2020

Daycares look to resume amid COVID-19 challenges [217]  
CTV News, 7 July 2020

From transportation to child care, lots to consider as school boards prepare plans for Aug. 4 deadline [218]  
GuelphToday, 30 June 2020

TDSB to allow child care centres in its buildings to reopen as of July 2 [219]  
CP24, 26 June 2020

Two councillors warn that tens of thousands of parents could be left without child care due to new guidelines [220]  
CP24, 25 June 2020

This Toronto mother gets three hours of sleep a night and wants to know why her toddler's daycare was blocked from reopening [221]  
The Star, 25 June 2020

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Early childhood educators call for free child care as Ontario economy reopens <sup>[239]</sup>  
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COVID-19: City offers free child care for essential front-line workers during crisis <sup>[266]</sup>  
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COVID-19: What about our kids? Thousands of parents, daycare operators want all sites shut down <sup>[273]</sup>  
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Province rapped over changes to child-care funding <sup>[279]</sup>  
Winnipeg Free Press, 6 August 2020

This is what Manitoba schools will look like in September <sup>[280]</sup>  
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Women fall behind in pandemic recovery due to childcare needs, job availability <sup>[281]</sup>  
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Province issues pandemic guidelines for early-years educators <sup>[282]</sup>  
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As Manitobans head back to work, more accessible quality child care needed <sup>[285]</sup>  
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The Coronavirus pandemic could bankrupt Manitoba's childcare centres, early childhood educators warn <sup>[287]</sup>  
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Province asking shuttered child-care facilities to re-open <sup>[290]</sup>  
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Saskatchewan ECE survey reveals the need for a workforce strategy to raise quality in the province's ELCC sector <sup>[298]</sup>  
CCCCF, 23 June 2020

Coronavirus: Saskatchewan daycare operators call for increased communication from province <sup>[299]</sup>  
Global News, 11 June 2020

Saskatchewan increases access to child-care for working parents ahead of Phase 3 <sup>[300]</sup>  
Global News, 4 June 2020

Daycares allowed to have 15 children per area under phase three of Re-Open Sask. plan <sup>[301]</sup>  
CTV News, 29 May 2020

Lack of child care could keep some Sask. parents home during reopening plan <sup>[302]</sup>  
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COVID-19: 'My job is giving hugs': Daycare concerns include safety, funding, future <sup>[304]</sup>  
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COVID-19: Sask, NDP calls for blanket child care closures, support for parents amid COVID-19 pandemic <sup>[307]</sup>  
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Alberta women shoulder disproportionate economic toll as pandemic forces mothers out of workforce <sup>[314]</sup>  
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Kenney's economic recovery plan fails working families on child care despite strong support for action from Albertans <sup>[315]</sup>

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End to Alberta's \$25/day child-care program creates 'double-blow' for families <sup>[316]</sup>  
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'A nightmare for employers': Companies getting ready to bring staff back to work, but lack of childcare a major obstacle <sup>[317]</sup>  
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Thousands of kids but limited summer camp, childcare options <sup>[318]</sup>  
Chat News Today, 1 June 2020

Childcare could be the lynchpin in recovery efforts <sup>[319]</sup>  
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Childcare guidelines released by province, early childhood educators ask for more funding <sup>[320]</sup>  
Chat News Today, 11 May 2020

Questions remain about how Alberta daycares will reopen <sup>[321]</sup>  
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Alberta to reopen daycares with limited capacity, health screening <sup>[322]</sup>  
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Update: Childcare in schools will be allowed, says minister <sup>[323]</sup>  
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CTV News, 1 April 2020

COVID-19: Alberta NDP calls for immediate child care support <sup>[328]</sup>  
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COVID-19: Daycare spaces reopen for children of Alberta's essential workers <sup>[329]</sup>  
CBC News, 26 March 2020

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Chat News Today, 22 March 2020

COVID-19: Alberta to reopen selected daycares to assist health care workers <sup>[331]</sup>  
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COVID-19: Alberta has 195 COVID-19 cases; some child care centres to reopen for essential service workers <sup>[332]</sup>  
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COVID-19: Parents urged to use caution in sudden search for child care, online support groups grow <sup>[333]</sup>  
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How daycares have operated during the pandemic — and what it can tell us about schools reopening <sup>[336]</sup>  
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School year start date to be pushed back for B.C. students, unclear when in-class learning will begin <sup>[337]</sup>  
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CBC News, 17 June 2020

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COVID-19: Operational requirements unsuitable should daycare open for essential workers: Operators <sup>[358]</sup>  
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Vancouver Sun, 26 March 2020

COVID-19: Okanagan (B.C) daycare supporting essential service providers amid COVID-19 <sup>[361]</sup>  
Salmon Arm Observer, 21 March 2020

COVID-19: BC: Child care gets a boost to help support essential service workers during coronavirus crisis <sup>[362]</sup>  
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COVID-19 shut down B.C. schools — so why are daycares still open? <sup>[363]</sup>  
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Kamloops Matters, 19 March 2020

BC: Child-care providers raise coronavirus concerns in letter to B.C. premier <sup>[365]</sup>  
Global News, 18 March 2020

B.C. daycares to stay open, but situation could change quickly: Horgan <sup>[366]</sup>  
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B.C. physicians concerned over lack of childcare options amid COVID-19 emergency <sup>[367]</sup>  
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COVID-19: Preschools and daycares need guidance, financial help during pandemic say, operators <sup>[368]</sup>  
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## Northwest Territories

### Northwest Territories: COVID-19 and child care in the news

Financial support for early learning and child care <sup>[369]</sup>  
Government of Northwest Territories, May 2020

Financial uncertainty as childcare forges on during Covid-19 <sup>[370]</sup>  
Cabin Radio, 1 May 2020

N.W.T. government commits \$5M for child care for essential workers <sup>[371]</sup>  
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COVID-19: Information for schools and licensed early child child programs <sup>[372]</sup>  
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### Nunavut: COVID-19 and child care in the news

Nunavut allows parks, playgrounds and daycares to reopen <sup>[373]</sup>  
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Nunavut daycares say they're at risk of going bankrupt during pandemic <sup>[374]</sup>  
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Nunavut to financially support hunters, childcare workers during COVID-19 <sup>[375]</sup>  
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COVID-19: Information for schools and licensed early child care programs <sup>[376]</sup>  
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COVID-19: Many NWT daycares and day homes stay open in a time of childcare crisis <sup>[377]</sup>  
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COVID-19: All Nunavut schools and daycares to close for three weeks <sup>[378]</sup>  
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### Yukon: COVID-19 and child care in the news

Yukon continues heading towards Phase 3 of reopening <sup>[379]</sup>  
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Child care operators receive additional funding <sup>[380]</sup>  
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Yukon daycares can access further funding during pandemic <sup>[381]</sup>  
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## Child care services over the period of the pandemic

**UPDATE:** As a result of all of the changes and the implementation of re-opening guidelines and protocols for P/T across Canada we are no longer updating this 'Summary chart - State of child care during COVID-19 by province/territory'.



### Summary chart - State of child care during COVID-19 by province/territory

This table provides summary information about provincial/territorial initiatives and responses to child care in the COVID-19 pandemic in Canada. Title: *Child care during COVID-19 - Provinces/territories - Operation of services, emergency services and funding and re-opening.*

More detailed information can be found in the provincial/ territorial table.

### Table on the status of child care in Canada and the COVID crisis – Provinces/territories

The information in this provincial/territorial table has been gathered using government information, media sources and individuals in the field. We have made every attempt to make it as correct and up-to-date as possible; we will be updating it on a regular basis as long as necessary. Thanks to Don Giesbrecht (Canadian Child Care Federation <sup>[384]</sup>) for sharing information. Title: *Status of child care in Canada in the COVID crisis - Provinces/ territories.*

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 <a href="#">Summary Chart</a> <sup>[385]</sup>	469.67 KB
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## International responses to the pandemic

This section provides a selection of relevant articles across different jurisdictions, providing insight into the variety of child care challenges and policy approaches undertaken by different countries in light of the COVID-19 pandemic.

### Relevant international news

Millennials and Gen Z Want Affordable Child Care: Findings from Next100 <sup>[387]</sup>  
Next100, 23 July 2020

UNESCO webinar paints ECEC as 'the forgotten child' in society, calls for more attention <sup>[388]</sup>  
The Sector, 20 July 2020

Policy memo: Strengthening the quality of early childhood education and care through inclusion <sup>[389]</sup>  
European Commission, June 2020

Why recovery needs to have children at its centre <sup>[390]</sup>  
Social Europe, 16 June 2020

'I won't go': Cheers and tears as Europe's kids go back to school <sup>[391]</sup>  
CTV News, 11 May 2020

Schools reopening has not triggered rise in Covid-19 cases, EU ministers told <sup>[392]</sup>  
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No coronavirus spike found after re-opening schools in 22 EU countries <sup>[393]</sup>  
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Lack of childcare 'forcing key workers to stay home' <sup>[394]</sup>  
BBC, 30 March 2020

If coronavirus forces childcare services to close for good, parents will be left stranded <sup>[395]</sup>  
The Guardian, 30 March 2020

Coronavirus: Creches will not ask parents for fees after deal with State <sup>[396]</sup>  
The Irish Times, 24 March 2020

The coronavirus puts child care sector in need of a bailout <sup>[397]</sup>  
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Opinion: Child cares - and parents of young children - need a bailout <sup>[398]</sup>  
Romper, 20 March 2020

COVID-19 resources: State child care actions in response to COVID-19 <sup>[399]</sup>  
The Hunt Institute, Ongoing updates

COVID-19: The U.S. Coronavirus response must meet health workers' child care needs <sup>[400]</sup>  
Center for American Progress, 24 March 2020

COVID-19: Babies don't do social distancing <sup>[401]</sup>  
The Hill, 20 March 2020

COVID-19: Australia: Medical certificate needed for childcare subsidy if children kept home <sup>[402]</sup>  
The Guardian, 19 March 2020

COVID-19: Scramble for childcare in Madrid as schools closed over coronavirus <sup>[403]</sup>  
The Guardian, 11 March 2020

COVID-19: UK: Parents with these jobs can continue to send their children to school <sup>[404]</sup>  
SkyNews, 20 March 2020

COVID-19: UK: Nurseries will close without more support during coronavirus <sup>[405]</sup>  
The Guardian, 20 March 2020

COVID-19: UK: All schools to close from Friday; GCSE and A-level exams cancelled – UK Covid-19, as it happened <sup>[406]</sup>  
The Guardian, 18 March 2020

COVID-19: For parents, a battle to find day care while so much closes amid coronavirus fears <sup>[407]</sup>  
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'What's the right thing to do?' Coronavirus forces families to make painful child care decisions <sup>[408]</sup>  
The Time, 17 March 2020

Coronavirus: How does it impact child care providers and CCR&R? <sup>[409]</sup>  
Child Care Aware of America, 28 February 2020

Being a childcare worker has always meant living on the frontlines <sup>[410]</sup>  
Jezebel, 17 March 2020

Denmark gives green light to children's pyjama parties <sup>[411]</sup>  
The Local, 14 May 2020

How reopened schools in Denmark keep children safely apart <sup>[412]</sup>  
BBC News, 12 May 2020

'It's like walking a tightrope': Life after lockdown in Denmark <sup>[413]</sup>  
The Local, 18 April 2020

Three toys per child and a teddy bear ban: New rules for Denmark's kindergartens <sup>[414]</sup>  
The Local, 16 April 2020

Denmark first in Europe to reopen schools after coronavirus lockdown <sup>[415]</sup>  
The Local, 15 April 2020

How schools and day care centres in Denmark are gearing up for reopening <sup>[416]</sup>  
The Local, 13 April 2020

Government recommendations for small kids returning to daycare, kindergarten and school <sup>[417]</sup>  
CPH Post, 9 April 2020

## Country responses

### Austria

Schools are closed but will continue to supervise children of parents who are working. Child care centres are closed in some locales such as Vienna.

Belgium

Child care centres are not required to close. Schools are closed but some schools will remain open to look after children of essential workers.

### Denmark

Re-opened child care on April 15, 2020

Denmark gives green light to children's pyjama parties <sup>[411]</sup>

The Local, 14 May 2020

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### Finland

Re-opening schools and daycares starting May 14, 2020

Finland to reopen schools and daycares gradually starting May 14 <sup>[418]</sup>

National Post, 29 April 2020

### France

Will re-open child care on May 11, 2020

70 cases of COVID-19 at French schools days after re-opening <sup>[419]</sup>

The Star, 18 May 2020

Viral photo shows preschoolers confined to chalk squares for social-distanced playtime <sup>[420]</sup>

The Hill, 13 May 2020

France starts to reopen schools - but many kids remain at home <sup>[421]</sup>

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Schools and nurseries in Scotland and Wales will close as of March 20th, 2020

Reopening childcare safely <sup>[444]</sup>

Scottish Government, 15 June 2020

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Los Angeles Times, 22 August 2020

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## Emergency child care for essential workers

Some provinces and territories are providing emergency child care services for essential workers.

The information below is compiled of news articles and government releases regarding eligibility and application procedures.

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Ontario offers emergency child care to more frontline staff <sup>[498]</sup>  
Government of Ontario, 17 April 2020

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City of Ottawa, 3 April 2020



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## Health and safety guidelines for emergency child care

This section provides the health and safety guidelines/protocols for emergency child care operating across Canada during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Please note: Health and safety guidelines/ protocols for emergency child care centres are currently not being updated.

In addition to the CRRU chart, see the Canadian Child Care Federation **drop-box** <sup>[519]</sup>, for more health and safety guidelines and protocol documents for ELCC programs/providers.

COVID-19: Protocol for emergency child care plan during COVID-19 pandemic <sup>[520]</sup>  
Compass ELC, 28 March 2020

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## Nova Scotia

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Gouvernement du Québec, 22 March 2020

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