

Child care during COVID-19 – Provinces/territories - Operation of services, emergency services and funding and re-opening

This summary chart will be updated as more information becomes available

Childcare Resource and Research Unit

Updated: May 20, 2020



Province/ Territory	Is licensed care closed for regular use?	Date of re-opening?	P/T health and safety guidelines/protocols for reopening?	Is there licensed child care for essential workers?	Is care free for essential workers?	Have P/T provided health and safety requirements/guidelines for emergency child care?	Are ratios/group sizes modified in emergency care?	Is regular ¹ funding (excluding fee subsidies) ongoing?	Is there modified/additional P/T funding?	Is the P/T replacing lost parent fees to services?	May services charge fees if service not used?
NL	No	Yes – May 11	Yes	Yes - Gov't also reimbursing for unlicensed care	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes – expectation to provide emergency services	Yes	Yes – at subsidy rate	No
PEI	Yes	Yes – May 22	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
NS	Yes	Yes – Tentatively slated for June 8 (confirmation closer to date)	Under development	No	N/A	N/A	N/A	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
NB	No	Yes – May 19, 2020	Yes – For operators and for parents	Yes	No – unless parent paying another fee; direct to parent if parent has lost job	Yes	Yes	Yes – for operating and closed services	\$2/hr wage increase in emergency care; \$500/wk for cleaning in emergency care	Covering fees for subsidized parents	Yes – if staff not laid off
QC	No – Only centres in Montreal and Laval area remain closed	Yes – May 11 outside of Montreal/ Laval Yes – June 1 for Montreal and Laval	Yes	Yes – in funded services;	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
ON	Yes – centres closed; FCC may operate	No - No date has been announced. Slated for 'Stage Two' of plan.	None yet	Yes	Yes	Yes – municipalities develop plan	Yes	Yes – for operating and closed services	Yes	No	No
MB	Some – some centres remain closed; FCC may operate	Yes – Some centres are open as of May 4	N/A	Yes	No – fees	Yes	Yes	Yes – for operating; closed services funded for 3 months	Yes	No	No

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SK	No – non-school-based centres and FCC may operate	No date – but part of 'Phase 3' of prov. plan	N/A	Yes	No – parent fees 50%	Yes	Yes	Yes - For operating and closed services	No	No	No
AB	No – centres opened as of May 14 th	Yes - May 14, 2020	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes – 1 additional child in FCC; Reduced group size in centres	Only if operating	1 time PPE \$500/centre. Compensate emergency care service if closed 14 days due to + COVID diagnosis	No	Yes
BC	No - centres can choose to be open/ closed	Mid-May 2020 for centres who chose to close	Yes	Yes	No – Eligible parents may get fee subsidy (Affordable CC Benefit)		No	Replaced by Temp Emergency Fund	Yes – Temp Emergency Funding -diff for operating /closed services	Not specifically – Temp Emergency Funding fills some of this	No if receiving Temp Emergency Funding
NU	Yes	No	N/A	No	No	NA	NA	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
NWT	No	N/A	Centres not closed but additional information for centres is available	Yes – school-age centre	No - fees	No	No	Yes	Yes – increased wage funding for ECEs	No	NA
YK	No	N/A – centres open for use.	Yes - Enhanced H/S guidelines for operation as centres did not close.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes

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