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Canada	N/A	N/A	N/A	<p>04/17/2020 – Canada to expand eligibility for CEBA (business loans)</p> <p>See: https://www.huffingtonpost.ca/entry/ceba-small-business-loan_ca_5e9880b0c5b6a92100e3d628</p> <p>Canada's COVID-19 Economic Response Plan</p> <p>Support for businesses/ non-profits See: https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/economic-response-plan.html#businesses</p> <p>Trudeau says business, charities, non-profits eligible for COVID-19 wage subsidy</p> <p>See: https://globalnews.ca/news/6749446/coronavirus-canada-wage-subsidy/</p>	<p>05/06/2020 – CRRU, CCCF, CCN launch national survey of licensed/regulated Canadian child care services during the COVID-19 pandemic</p> <p>05/01/2020 - Part of Canada's recovery must be an overdue plan for universal child care</p> <p>04/15/2020 – Three Canadian national child care agencies launch national strategy to save child care in Canada from COVID-19</p> <p>04/14/2020 – Care at the core: Social solidarity and childcare are at the centre of social and economic recovery</p>	<p>04/17/2020 – CEBA, Canada's Small Businesses Loan</p> <p>04/11/20 – Canadian Emergency Wage Subsidy</p>
Newfoundland and Labrador	<p>05/06/2020 – Child care centres will begin re-opening on May 11th, 2020</p> <p>See: https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/newfoundland-labrador/child-care-expansion-covid-1.5553057</p> <p>Child care centres, regulated family child care and Family Resource Centres and their satellite offices closed for regular use.</p>	<p>05/13/2020 – Guidelines available</p> <p>See: https://www.gov.nl.ca/eecd/eecd-covid-19-child-care-information/covid-19-child-care-operations-policy-alert-level-4/</p> <p>05/06/2020 – Guidelines under development</p> <p>See: http://ntv.ca/guidelines-under-development-for-reopening-child-care-centres/</p>	<p>Essential Worker Child Care Service Application Process launched for essential workers in need of child care.</p> <p>There will be no charge for this service - covered under the compensation grant being provided to child care centres previously announced</p> <p>See: https://www.gov.nl.ca/releases/2020/exec/0325n03/</p> <p>To receive full funding, services must provide emergency child care.</p> <p>Emergency services may accommodate 30 children in one building, no more than 10 in a room.</p> <p>Infection control training, equipment not provided.</p>	<p>03/22/2020 - Provincial government funding to regulated child care centres and family child care homes at the child care subsidy program rates for all licensed spaces; no fees; staff can be paid while centres are closed until April 30, reassessed.</p> <p>To receive full funding, services must provide emergency child care.</p>	<p>03/31/20 Letter from Association of Early Childhood Educators of Newfoundland and Labrador (AECENL)</p> <p>See: https://www.thetelegram.com/news/local/day-care-operators-pressured-to-reopen-430806/</p>	<p>03/22/2020 - Minister Warr announces financial supports for child care sector</p>

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Nova Scotia	<p>05/13/2020 – State of emergency still in effect. All centres closed.</p> <p>Gov. announces tentative opening date of June 8, 2020</p> <p>See: https://globalnews.ca/news/6922030/nova-scotia-schools-to-remain-closed/</p> <p>05/06/2020 – State of emergency extended to May 17th 2020 at noon. All regulated child care centres, licensed family home day care agencies and their providers in the province, will stay closed until May 17th, 2020. Unless the government terminates or extends it.</p> <p>See: https://novascotia.ca/news/release/?id=20200501002</p> <p>04/23/2020 – State of emergency extended to May 3, 2020 All regulated child care centres, licensed family home day care agencies and their providers in the province, will stay closed until at least May 1st, 2020.</p> <p>03/31/2020 - All regulated child care centres, licensed</p>	Under development	<p>05/06/2020 - Nova Scotia to reassess child-care needs of essential workers See: https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/nova-scotia/covid-19-childcare-daycare-essential-service-workers-1.5552926</p> <p>3/31/20 Emergency child care has not been developed</p>	<p>03/31/2020 - Department of Education and Early Childhood Development will continue to provide financial support centres to can pay staff and ensure no parent fees are charged.</p> <p>Licensed services continue to receive operating grants if there are no layoffs and no parent fees charged.</p> <p>Staff continue to be paid in licensed care.</p> <p>SEE: https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/nova-scotia/public-schools-closures-coronavirus-daycares-1.5499131</p>		

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	<p>family home day care agencies and their providers in the province, will stay closed until at least May 1st, 2020.</p> <p>03/15/2020 - Centres closed to regular use. "Smaller operations" (6 children, 8 school-aged) may continue to operate March 17 through April 3.</p>					
New Brunswick	<p>05/13/2020 – Licensed centres to open May 19th, 2020.</p> <p>See: https://www2.gnb.ca/content/gnb/en/news/news_release.2020.05.0261.html</p> <p>03/16/2020 - All licensed child care closed to regular use.</p> <p>03/13/2020 - Early learning and childcare facilities operating within schools should also remain open at this time.</p> <p>See: https://www2.gnb.ca/content/gnb/en/news/news_release.2020.03.0117.html</p>	<p>05/13/2020 – Yes</p> <p>See: COVID-19 Recovery Phase: Guidance to early learning and childcare facilities https://www.nbed.nb.ca/ParentPortal/Content/Covid-19/ELCF%20May%207%2020%20EN%20FINAL.pdf</p>	<p>03/31/2020 - Emergency child care is available; fees are being charged. Province \$500/ week for sanitization/ cleaning. Provincial health/safety procedures. Group size no more than 10, including staff.</p> <p>03/25/2020 – A few centres remain open to provide emergency care.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Maximum of 50 children in a centre - Enhanced cleaning measure (custodians in schools); private cleaning businesses paid by province if custodians unable to attend to the cleaning and sanitization measures - government will cover the cost of childcare for essential services workers who are also paying to reserve their usual space. <p>Ratios and group sizes have not been modified.</p> <p>See: https://www.childcarecanada.org/documents/child-care-news/20/03/nb-working-get-children-essential-services-workers-daycare-during-st</p> <p>03/23/22 – Reported that some child care for essential workers closing, citing government funding as the reason</p>	<p>03/31/2020</p> <p>\$2.00/hour wage increase for ECEs working in emergency care. If a program has not laid off staff, can charge full parent fees/gov't funding still continuing even if they are closed</p> <p>03/28/2020 - Existing funding continuing, no additional funding.</p> <p>Services caring for children of essential workers may still charge regular fees to families not using the service. If those families have lost income and cannot support their regular fees, the government will cover them.</p> <p>https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/new-brunswick/daycare-self-isolation-parents-provincial-funding-1.5502734</p>		<p>03/16/2020 - Essential service workers can still obtain child care services, Government release.</p>

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			<p>SEE: https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/new-brunswick/essential-workers-emergency-daycare-1.5506146</p> <p>Information on how to access emergency child care Department of Education and Early Childhood Development's Parent Portal or by calling 1-833-221-9339.</p> <p>Families accessing child care for essential workers will be responsible to pay fees to the centre.</p>			
Prince Edward Island	<p>05/06/2020 – Child care centres will re-open on May 22nd, 2020</p> <p>See: https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/prince-edward-island/pei-child-care-reopening-ease-back-covid-19-1.5549252</p> <p>03/28/2020 – Child care centres and schools closed until May 11th, 2020</p> <p>03/16/2020 - Child care centres closed to regular use March 17 to April 6th</p>	<p>05/06/2020 – Conditions for re-opening select licensed child care</p> <p>See: https://www.ecdaofpei.ca/user-content/resources/PEICovidChildcareDocMarch2020-v.1.2.pdf</p>	<p>03/31/2020 – Emergency child care for essential workers will be provided for children over 2 years who are not immunocompromised at centre-based programs.</p> <p>In-home child care will be supported for these children and families as well.</p> <p>Province identifies that staff have reached out to essential worker parents who filled out the survey below and will continue to do so.</p> <p>Province aims to have emergency child care for essential workers up and running by the end of this week.</p> <p>SEE: https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/en/news/province-outlines-next-steps-children-and-students</p> <p>03/25/2020 - Gov't surveying parents to identify need for emergency care. https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/en/service/emergency-child-care-services</p>	<p>03/20/2020 - PE will establish \$2 million fund to support early learning centres and staff, maintain child care spaces and ensure parents do not pay fees.;</p>		<p>03/31/2020 - Province outlines next steps for children and students</p> <p>New educational and financial supports for Islanders, Government statement.</p>

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Quebec	<p>05/19/2020 - Child care centres in the Greater Montreal and Laval to open on June 1. Other centres in Quebec opened on May 11.</p> <p>See: https://montreal.ctvnews.ca/montreal-stores-daycares-to-open-as-planned-as-quebec-reports-fewest-deaths-since-april-12-1.4943970</p> <p>05/06/2020 – Child care centres outside of the Montreal area will re-open on May 11, 2020. Greater Montreal and Laval areas will follow and open on May 19th, 2020.</p> <p>See: https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/montreal/education-minister-quebec-schools-daycares-1.5546579</p> <p>03/13/2020 - All child care services closed for regular use as of March 16 - March 27th, 2020.</p> <p>03/30/2020 Shutdown of all child care will be maintained until May 1 inclusively in order to provide emergency childcare services for</p>	<p>05/06/2020 –</p> <p>Résumé du plan de réouverture graduel des services de garde au Québec/ Summary of plan to gradually reopen childcare services in Québec</p> <p>Guide de normes sanitaires en milieu de travail pour le milieu scolaire – COVID-19/ Guide to health standards in the workplace for the school environment - COVID - 19</p>	<p>4/3/2020 As of April 6, to optimize emergency childcare services for parents, CPEs and funded garderies will remain open to provide emergency child care. Funded home child care may continue to offer care.</p> <p>All non-funded centres will cease to offer emergency services by April 3.</p> <p>3/31/20 Quebec gov't guidelines for child care in pandemic emergency (2007) https://www.quebec.ca/en/family-and-support-for-individuals/emergency-daycare-services/</p> <p>Health and safety information has been developed by AQCPE. It recommends that facility should have a maximum occupancy rate of 30% (e.g. 24 children in 80 regular places) - see http://www.aqcpe.com/content/uploads/2020/03/english_guide_22mars2020_cpe.pdf EN</p> <p>http://www.aqcpe.com/covid-19-quelques-informations/</p> <p>Quebec government covering all costs for emergency child care for preschool age and school-age children.</p> <p>Emergency services until May 1, inclusively 7 AM to 6 PM M-F for 0 – 13 year olds free of charge to parents. No meals, no snacks.</p> <p>Essential service workers include police, fire, ambulance, Urgence Quebec, correctional officers, special constables, child care staff, others Enrolment in emergency services is being monitored regularly by province, plans adjusted if necessary.</p> <p>List of essential workers-</p>	<p>Services are continuing to be funded.</p> <p>Layoffs of staff have not been reported.</p>	<p>04/03/2020 Federation of Early Childhood Workers (CSQ) ask for wage increase in emergency child care, https://fipeq.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/18/2020/03/lettre_premier_ministre.pdf?utm_source=cision&utm_medium=press-release&utm_campaign=awareness_federation_2020&utm_term=rtg_journalists_&utm_content=link</p> <p>03/23/2020 - Association québécoise des CPE, Réponse de la communauté [FR]</p> <p>Good practice guide: For the organization of educational childcare during the COVID-19 emergency health measures [EN]</p> <p>Information for parents and educators, references, best practices.</p>	<p>04/03/2020 See: Corona virus: Questions and answers https://www.mfa.gouv.qc.ca/en/services-de-garde/coronavirus-fermeture-sdg/Pages/index.aspx</p> <p>Government information about daycare and school daycare services for essential workers</p> <p>See: https://www.quebec.ca/en/family-and-support-for-individuals/emergency-daycare-services/emergency-school-daycare-services/ http://www.education.gouv.qc.ca/en/coronavirus/</p>

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	workers who are entitled to emergency childcare services.		https://www.quebec.ca/en/family-and-support-for-individuals/emergency-daycare-services/list-jobs-and-essential-services/ https://www.quebec.ca/en/family-and-support-for-individuals/emergency-daycare-services/ https://www.quebec.ca/en/family-and-support-for-individuals/emergency-daycare-services/emergency-school-daycare-services/			
Ontario	<p>05/19/2020 – State of emergency extended. All licensed child care centres (except those providing emergency child care) are closed until May 19th, 2020 as Ontario extends all COVID-19 emergency orders. Licensed home child care may be open for regular use.</p> <p>All schools (K-12) will be closed for the remainder of the school year.</p> <p>Child care to reopen in phase two of provincial plan, no date.</p> <p>See: https://globalnews.ca/news/6958219/ontario-</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>04/17/2020 – ON gov't extends emergency child care for essential workers to include: people who assist vulnerable communities, emergency response and law enforcement sector staff, more health and safety workers, and certain federal employees. For new detailed list see: https://www.news.ontario.ca/opo/en/2020/04/ontario-offers-emergency-child-care-to-more-frontline-staff.html</p> <p>04/11/2020 – ON gov't - transit drivers, grocery clerks may be soon eligible for free childcare. https://toronto.ctvnews.ca/mobile/ontario-premier-says-transit-drivers-grocery-clerks-may-be-soon-eligible-for-free-childcare-1.4892151</p> <p>03/31/2020 – Ontario launches website for information regarding emergency child care https://www.ontario.ca/page/child-care-health-care-and-frontline-staff</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Includes a list of centres in Wellington, Oshawa, Durham, Niagara, Hamilton, Peterborough, Cornwall, Timiskaming, Toronto, and Halton 	<p>04/10/2020 – ON bans child care fees for no service rendered. https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/toronto/ontario-child-care-centres-1.5529360</p>	<p>04/08/2020 – College of Early Childhood Educators, Ontario's ECE workforce regulatory body, Letter to Minister Lecce.</p> <p>04/06/2020 - CUPE Ontario, COVID-19: Protecting the health and safety of workers in emergency childcare centres.</p> <p>03/31/2020: Ontario Coalition for Better Child Care, Statement</p> <p>Emergency plan for Ontario child care COVID-19 pandemic. Campaign, Ontario Coalition for Better Child Care.</p>	<p>04/17/2020 - Ontario offers emergency child care to more frontline staff, Government news release</p> <p>04/10/2020 – Ontario Government, Protecting parents during COVID-19. News release, centres cannot charge families fees.</p> <p>04/06/2020 – City of Ottawa, Emergency child-care services for essential workers, Release</p> <p>03/22/2020 - Province takes steps to ensure frontline staff can continue to work: Ontario to open select child care centres across the province, Government release</p> <p>03/22/2020 - City of Toronto to open child care for essential and critical service workers, City of Toronto – news release</p>

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	<p>schools-child-care-update-coronavirus-covid19/</p> <p>05/06/2020 - 05/06/2020 - All licensed child care centres (except those providing emergency child care) are closed until May 19th, 2020 as Ontario extends all COVID-19 emergency orders. Licensed home child care may be open for regular use</p> <p>See: https://toronto.ctvnews.ca/ontario-extends-all-covid-19-emergency-orders-past-victoria-day-1.4927047</p> <p>04/20/2020 – State of emergency has been extended. All licensed child care centres, with the exception of emergency child care centres are to be closed until May 12, 2020</p> <p>04/11/2020 – Ontario takes further steps to prevent spread of COVID-19. Closure of all licensed child care centres (except emergency centres) and Early ON programs extended to April 23, 2020.</p> <p>03/31/2020 - Private schools, licensed child care centres and EarlyON</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Eligibility criteria for workers - Criteria for centres to open as emergency centres <p>12 emergency centres and 19 home child care agencies were providing emergency child care. 80 centres have been approved and will soon be operating.</p> <p>03/31/20 ON gov't health and safety guidelines for emergency child care</p> <p>http://www.health.gov.on.ca/en/pro/programs/publichealth/coronavirus/docs/2019_child_care_guidance.pdf</p> <p>03/31/20 City of Peterborough/Compass Children's Services COVID protocols for emergency child care: Daily Screening, Self Protection, Risk Assessment, Use of PPEs, Symptoms in children and adults, Sanitization,</p> <p>https://www.compasselc.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Protocol-for-Emergency-Child-Care-Plan-during-Covid.pdf</p> <p>03/22/2020 – Ontario will open 50,000 free spaces 24 hours/7 days a week in existing child care centres.</p> <p>Administration will be at municipal level (47 admin units across the province).</p> <p>Ratios and group sizes in emergency care have not been modified.</p> <p>Municipalities must develop plans in consultation with their local Public Health Departments. These must be approved by the province.</p> <p>Province will be supporting emergency services financially.</p>			

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	<p>programs will also remain closed until April 13. Licensed home child care may be open for regular use</p> <p>03/17/18 - All licensed child care centres closed; licensed home child care may be open for regular use</p>		<p>https://www.thestar.com/news/gta/2020/03/22/province-opening-50000-free-24-hour-child-care-spaces-for-essential-workers.html</p> <p>List of eligible essential workers, ontario.ca/coronavirus.</p> <p>Emergency care by municipality (selected): 04/04/2020 – London – The city of London will be offering child care at three centres in the city. https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/london/child-care-front-line-health-care-emergency-first-responders-province-london-ontario-1.5520725 04/02/2020 - Ottawa – The city has identified three emergency child care centres which will open on Monday, April 13 https://ottawa.ca/en/news/emergency-child-care-services-essential-workers</p> <p>City of Toronto: Precautions include daily screening of children and families prior to admission, increased cleaning, and reduced group sizes. Care for infants to age 12. Four City-operated centres, 60 children, group size 10, online registration for parents.</p> <p>04/13/2020 – City of Toronto announces the opening of two more centres for emergency child care. https://toronto.ctvnews.ca/toronto-opening-new-two-emergency-child-care-centres-after-receiving-800-applications-1.4893464</p> <p>https://toronto.ctvnews.ca/toronto-opening-four-emergency-childcare-centres-for-kids-of-essential-workers-1.4872713</p> <p>https://www.thestar.com/news/gta/2020/03/22/province-opening-50000-free-24-hour-child-care-spaces-for-essential-workers.html</p>			

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			<p>Hamilton: https://globalnews.ca/news/6730641/city-workers-hamilton-child-care-coronavirus/</p> <p>Peterborough: https://globalnews.ca/news/6742793/coronavirus-peterborough-child-care-plan/ See Safety protocols</p> <p>https://www.compasselc.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Protocol-for-Emergency-Child-Care-Plan-during-Covid.pdf</p> <p>Wellington County: https://blackburnnews.com/midwestern-ontario/midwestern-ontario-news/2020/03/25/wellington-county-offering-childcare-emergency-workers/</p>			
Manitoba	03/17/2020 - All licensed child care centres closed. Family child care may be open for regular use. Select centres are open for emergency child care for essential workers.	N/A	<p>04/09/2020 - Beginning on Tuesday, April 14, all parents who work in critical services, as defined by the chief provincial public health officer, will be eligible to access child-care spaces available in licensed facilities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Includes support staff at hospitals and clinics, grocery store staff, farmers and farm workers, construction workers, bank or credit union employees. - starting April 11th, parents working in these sectors who have been unable to make other child-care arrangements will be able to go to www.manitoba.ca/covid19 to see which facilities have spaces and work directly with them to secure child care. <p>https://news.gov.mb.ca/news/index.html?item=47466&posted=2020-04-09</p> <p>04/02/2020 – Expansion of emergency child care starting April 14th, 2020 in licensed facilities for other critical services, including grocery workers.</p>	<p>04/09/2020 - full provincial operating grant, over \$30 million, continued to flow to all licensed child-care facilities on April 1. https://news.gov.mb.ca/news/index.html?item=47466&posted=2020-04-09</p> <p>04/02/2020 – Nearly \$30 million of provincial funding began flowing to licensed child-care facilities to help more of the closed centres reopen, according to the province.</p> <p>Licensed centres closed will still receive their funding for the next three months.</p> <p>Centres been asked by the province to reimburse parent fees if care has not been provided, and to charge no fees to hold spaces.</p> <p>See: https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/manitoba/manitoba-daycares-frontline-health-workers-covid-19-1.5519455</p>	<p>04/09/2020 - Manitoba provides update on child-care options for families during COVID-19 response, News release</p> <p>Manitoba Child Care Association statement</p> <p>CUPE Manitoba</p> <p>Susan Prentice, Univ. of Manitoba https://www.winnipegfreepress.com/opinion/analysis/pandemic-punctures-child-care-illusion-569084332.html</p> <p>MLA Danielle Adams letter: Parent fees amidst COVID-19</p>	<p>04/03/2020</p> <p>Manitoba asks closed child care centres to open</p> <p>\$27.6-million plan to support child care for essential workers,</p> <p>https://news.gov.mb.ca/news/index.html?item=47138 Government news release</p>

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			<p>Licensed child-care centres will continue to limit their spaces to 16 children</p> <p>Home child care – max - eight children.</p> <p>List of workers in critical services: https://news.gov.mb.ca/asset_library/en/newslinks/2020/03/BG-PHA - COVID-19-PR.pdf</p> <p>03/27/2020 – Coronavirus (COVID-19) Early Learning and Child Care Practice Guidance document includes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - PH resources - Prevention measures - Screening - Visitor access - Day to day prevention - Health concerns - Risk assessment screening questions - COVID-19 incident reporting form <p>03/25/2020 – Centres may provide emergency care or close</p> <p>Centres - max 16 children, 12 in family child care.</p> <p>Parent fee for emergency care</p> <p>Start-up grants of \$3,000 to ECEs to open family child care in their own homes + capital grants</p> <p>Continuing to provide centres with operating grants if providing emergency care</p> <p>Ratios/group sizes not modified</p> <p>Parents who are essential workers can call 204-945-0776 or 1-888-213-4754 (toll free) or email cdcinfo@gov.mb.ca</p>	<p>03/27/2020 –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Provincial unit funding continues for centres - No funding to replace parent fees 		

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Saskatchewan	<p>05/06/2020 – Status remains the same as below. However closed, centres are slated to re-open during the third phase of provincial plan.</p> <p>See: https://www.saskatchewan.ca/government/news-and-media/2020/april/23/reopen-saskatchewan-plan</p> <p>03/15/2020 – Child care in schools closed to regular use; centres not located in schools may operate, as may family child care homes.</p>	N/A	<p>Child care centres in schools asked to provide emergency care services</p> <p>Province will provide 50% of operating costs of emergency centres with the remainder being paid by the parent.</p> <p>Up to 8 children per room</p> <p>Several emergency sites in schools</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Maintain full staff ○ Extended hours of care if possible ○ No additional funding sources <p>No additional health and safety protocols</p> <p>List of included workers https://www.childcarecanada.org/documents/child-care-news/20/03/child-care-options-health-workers-and-other-pandemic-response-worker</p>	<p>Reported that SK will continue to provide regular government grants to all licensed child care facilities whether they remain open or temporarily close.</p> <p>In addition, reported to be working on extra money for daycares that serve essential service workers.</p> <p>See https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/saskatchewan/my-job-is-giving-hugs-daycare-concerns-include-safety-funding-future-1.5512481</p>	<p>04/06/2020 - Sask. daycare providers calling on government for financial support during COVID-19 pandemic</p> <p>Saskatchewan Early Childhood Association, Letter to Ministers</p> <p>CUPE Saskatchewan</p>	Child care options for health workers and other pandemic response worker, Government statement
Alberta	<p>05/13/2020 – Centres will open for use as early as May 14th, 2020</p> <p>See: https://www.theglobeandmail.com/canada/alberta/article-alberta-to-re-open-daycares-with-limited-capacity-health-screening/</p> <p>03/15/2020 - All centres and out-of-school care closed for regular use; approved family day homes may remain open.</p>	<p>05/13/2020 – Yes</p> <p>See: https://www.alberta.ca/assets/documents/covid-19-relaunch-guidance-daycare-out-of-school-care.pdf</p>	<p>192 centres across the Alberta were invited to provide emergency child care (4,400 spaces);</p> <p>30 individuals in the program (staff and children); no more than 10 in a room</p> <p>Limit of individuals including children and staff Must adhere to stricter cleaning and sanitation Limited interaction during pick-up and drop-off Temperature checks will be conducted</p> <p>Family child care ratios have been modified to include an additional child.</p> <p>Regular funding if open; no additional funds for lease, rent, or ECEs for emergency care</p> <p>https://globalnews.ca/news/6708622/alberta-premier-coronavirus-covid-19-update-march-20/</p>	<p>No specific mandate or policy on centres charging fees for closed centres; Minister requested operators not to charge fees</p> <p>One time grant of \$500 to pay for PPE – centres only, not home child care</p> <p>No announced financial support for closed centres or staff</p>	<p>04/08/2020 - Letter to the Minister for increased supports, Letter from AECEA</p>	Child care for core service worker, Government release

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British Columbia	<p>As of 03/18/2020 - Child care centres/family child care not mandated to close; can choose to close or remain open</p> <p>Government statement Province supports child care providers during COVID response,</p>	<p>05/20/2020 – H/S guidelines for re-opening</p> <p>See: https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/health/about-bc-s-health-care-system/office-of-the-provincial-health-officer/covid-19/covid-19_child_care_guidance_-_2020_may_15_final.pdf</p> <p>05/11/2020 – Centres that chose to close may open as of midclosed, will open in Mid-May</p> <p>See: https://globalnews.ca/news/6913232/bc-daycares-reopen-mid-may-covid-19/</p>	<p>03/31/2020 – Registration for emergency child care for 0-5 years. For ages 5 and 12, child care provided by their school..</p> <p>See https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/family-social-supports/caring-for-young-children/child-care-response-covid-19/child-care-response-covid-19-parent</p> <p>Services encouraged to include essential workers; eligible for funding if they have reduced enrollment but unless they have health and safety reasons that prohibit them from filling their vacant spaces, will need to accommodate essential services workers.</p> <p>Essential services workers get priority access to child care.</p> <p>Specific COVID health and safety guidelines are promised.</p> <p>Ratios and group sizes have not been modified.</p> <p>03/31/2020</p>	<p>03/20/2020 - Child care services that stay open will receive enhanced funding to keep operations going - seven times their average monthly funding; expected to cover approximately 75% centre’s average monthly operating expenses.</p> <p>Child care services closing will receive two times their average monthly funding from the government; expected to cover approximately 20% of an average group facility’s monthly operating expense.</p> <p>Temporary Emergency Funding will come into effect April 1st for eligible licensed child care. Services opting in will be required to waive parent fees for children not attending child care. Parents can reoccupy their space when the pandemic is over.</p>	<p>03/25/2020 - Coalition of Child Care Advocates of BC - Response to BC financial incentives for COVID-19</p> <p>03/20/2020 - Coalition of Child Care Advocates of BC -Child care and COVID-19, statement Early Childhood Educators of BC, statement</p> <p>Coalition of Child Care Advocates of BC, statement</p>	<p>https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/family-social-supports/covid-19-information</p>

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			<p>Westcoast Child Care Resource Centre is responsible for registering children in emergency child care</p> <p>See: https://bc.ctvnews.ca/b-c-childcare-centres-offering-space-for-children-of-essential-service-workers-1.4875214</p> <p>https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/family-and-social-supports/covid-19/qa_child_care_sector.pdf</p> <p>https://www.childcarecanada.org/documents/child-care-news/20/03/province-supports-child-care-providers-during-covid-19-response</p>			
Yukon	<p>03/18/2020 – Child care services not closed to regular use.</p> <p>At this time, parents and guardians who typically rely on child care services are asked to keep their children at home if possible.</p> <p>See: https://www.childcarecanada.org/documents/child-care-news/20/03/public-health-emergency-declared-yukon-over-covid-19</p>	<p>05/14/2020 – Enhanced H/S guidelines amidst COVID-19. Centres are not closed</p> <p>See: https://yukon.ca/sites/yukon.ca/files/hss/hss-imgs/interim_guidance_child_care_covid-19_may_14_en.pdf</p>	<p>03/27/2020 – According to an educator, children are now being screened prior to entering centres. This includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> taking temperatures and getting the parents to go through a check-list teaching children about social distancing <p>See: https://www.yukon-news.com/news/yukon-early-childhood-educators-concerned-about-working-during-pandemic/</p>	<p>04/15/20 - According to gov't release, the grant will cover all eligible operational costs incurred from March to June.</p> <p>Eligible expenses will include: rent, utilities, and cleaning. All working staff wages, along with the employers' contributions to Employment Insurance, the Canada Pension Plan and Yukon Workers' Compensation Health and Safety Board will also be covered.</p> <p>If a child care centre closes, the grant will cover only building costs.</p> <p>Family day homes will see a 50 per cent increase in their grant funding from March to June. The funding is guaranteed whether spaces are full or not.</p> <p>Grants are suspended for day homes that close.</p> <p>See: https://www.yukon-news.com/news/yukon-daycares-can-access-further-funding-during-pandemic/</p>	<p>04/03/2020 – Letter to Dept. of Health and Social Services: concerns</p> <p>https://www.yukon-news.com/news/yukon-early-childhood-educators-concerned-about-working-during-pandemic/</p>	<p>04/06/2020 – Child care operators to receive additional funding, Government release</p>

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Northwest Territories	03/18/2020 - Child care services not closed to regular use.	05/20/2020 – Centres are not closed, but additional information is available from the NWT government COVID-19 fact sheet: Supporting licensed early learning and child care programs Operations: Licensing and inspections for early learning programs	04/24/2020 – NWT commits to \$5M in funding to create four temporary child care programs during pandemic. A government survey shows there are approximately 350 child care spaces needed. See: https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/north/nwt-live-update-child-care-support-1.5544246 04/02/2020 - One YMCA centre has opened to care for school-aged children of essential workers (as schools are closed, who pay fees.	04/24/2020 - One-third of child care costs covered. The government is spending \$1.9 million subsidizing one third of child-care costs for parents who have to go into work. The funding will go to child-care providers who will then pass the savings onto parents. Spending \$1.3 million topping up wages by \$1,000 for each worker at licensed family day homes and centres for early learning and child care. - The government expects roughly 200 workers to access the subsidy. The government is spending \$1.24 million on a subsidy for fixed costs, such as rent and utilities, for child care programs and centres closed due to COVID-19. See: https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/north/nwt-live-update-child-care-support-1.5544246		04/24/2020 – Minister of Education, Culture, and Employment R.J. Simpson's announcement of \$5M funding. Information for licensed early learning and childcare programs, NWT
Nunavut	05/19/2020 – State of emergency extended to May 29. https://gov.nu.ca/sites/default/files/order_extending_state_of_public_health_emergency_may_28_-_iief_signed.pdf See: 05/06/2020 – Child care centres must remain closed until further notice See: https://www.gov.nu.ca/education/news/covid-19-	N/A		04/06/2020 Territory is funding child staff care to make up for lost parent fees SEE: https://nunatsiaq.com/stories/article/nunavut-to-financially-support-hunters-childcare-workers-during-covid-19/	04/28/2020 - Nunavut daycares say they're at risk of going bankrupt during pandemic	

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	department-education-services-update 04/06/2020 – Child care closed until April 20. 03/16/2020 – Child care centres closed for regular use					