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P/T	Status of child care	Status of elementary schools	Guidelines/ policies
NL	Operating under Alert Level 2.	Open for in-person classes.	11/25/2020 - COVID-19 Regulated Child Care Operations Policy: Alert Level 2 2020 - Public Health Guidance for K-12 Schools
PEI	Licensed and unlicensed centres open at 100% capacity with physical distance until Feb 16.	Full time classroom learning for K-12 with a contingency plan for remote learning.	12/04/2020 - CPHO Directive on Licensed Child Care Centres 12/07/2020 - Back to school FAQs
NS	Open under public health guidance.	Open for full time, in-person learning .	10/14/2020 - COVID-19 Public Health Guidance for Child Care Settings 10/08/2020 - Pre-primary Program during COVID-19: A Guide for Families 12/18/2020 - Back to School Plan
NB	Open under public health guidance in all regions.	Open under public health guidance. Virtual teaching to be used for at-risk populations. Closed in Edmunston which is in lockdown until Feb 5.	12/16/2020 - COVID-19 Guidance for Early Learning and Childcare Facilities 11/29/2020 - Return to school: direction for school districts and schools
QC	Child care services for 0-4 year olds are open. Attendance is optional as children cannot lose their places in child care services even if they do not attend.	In class learning for preschool and elementary students.	12/21/2020 - Organization of Educational Activities in 2020-2021 (COVID-19)

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	Community drop-in daycare centres only open for emergency purposes.		
ON	<p>Open at full capacity.</p> <p>Before and after school programs will be closed where in-person instruction in elementary schools is not permitted. Targeted emergency child care for school aged-children will be provided for eligible health care, public safety and other frontline workers on these sites.</p> <p>EarlyON and First Nations Child and Family Programs deliver in-person programming where participants pre-register.</p>	<p>Schools are delivered remotely or in-person depending on public health units.</p> <p>For schools that have returned to in-person learning, full time learning is available for K-8 students beside a remote learning option.</p> <p>In-person attendance is voluntary for the 2020-2021 school year.</p>	<p>11/2020 - Operational Guidance During COVID-19 Outbreak: Child Care Re-Opening</p> <p>11/27/2020 - Guide to reopening Ontario's schools - Elementary</p>
MB	<p>Open under public health directives.</p>	<p>Voluntary blended learning for K-8.</p> <p>Remote/blended learning may be required when physical distancing is not possible.</p>	<p>01/29/2021 – Fast Pass rapid testing pilot program</p> <p>09/2020 - Coronavirus (COVID-19) Early Learning and Child Care Practice Guidance</p> <p>10/20/2020 - COVID-19 K–12 School Settings Practice Guidance and Protocols</p>

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SK	Licensed child care services located within schools are open for all eligible workers under provincial restrictions.	Open for in class learning	Child Care Facilities Guidelines Primary and Secondary Educational Institution Guidelines
AB	Licensed facility-based and home-based child care are open	In-person learning	11/02/2020 - Guidance for daycare, out of school care (child care) 11/02/2020 - Guidance for preschools 11/02/2020 - Guidance for school re-entry - scenario 1
BC	Open	Open - Full time, in class learning with a remote learning option depending on school districts .	09/25/2020 - Public Health Guidance for Child Care Settings During the COVID-19 Pandemic 09/11/2020 - COVID-19 Public Health Guidance for K-12 School Settings
YT	Open	Full time, in class instruction	Guidance for child care centres and family day homes: COVID-19 12/16/2020 - Guidelines for K-12 school settings
NT	Open	3 options available: in person, remote learning and home schooling	Health and Safety for Early Learning and Child Care 07/03/2020 - Reopening NWT schools wisely
NU	Child care facilities in all Nunavut communities, except Arviat , can open.	Full time, in person learning except in Arviat where schools are conducted remotely until further updates.	06/01/2020 - Child Care Facility Guidelines for Re-opening 2020-21 Opening Plan for Nunavut Schools: Health and Safety