

Re: Child Care Subsidy Annual Updates

From: Rosemary Martin, Manager, Children's Services Operations

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On May 6, 2020 the provincial government announced that licensed child care centres will gradually re-open as part of the second phase of the reopening plan. However, at this time there is no specific timeline as to when licensed child care will reopen.

While we wait for more information from the government, Children's Services is working closely with the Ministry of Education, Niagara Region Public Health and licensed child care programs in Niagara to plan for providing licensed child care under new operating requirements to ensure the health and safety of children and staff.

To ensure physical distancing to help reduce the spread of the virus, the provincial government may be setting limits on the number of staff and children allowed in child care centres. This means there may be limited child care spaces. Please note that your subsidy approval/letter does not guarantee a child care space. Once the provincial government announces the reopening of licensed child care, it is important you contact the licensed child care centre you were attending prior to the provincial closure to discuss your child care needs.

Should you have any questions about your fee subsidy eligibility please contact Children's Services Intake 905-980-6000 ext. 3897 or email childcarecosts@niagararegion.ca .

Respectfully,


