

June 22, 2020

***Sent on behalf of TDSB Child Care Services***

Dear Child Care Colleagues,

Thank you for your patience and resilience during the child care reopening process announced by the Provincial Government last week. Since that time, like you, TDSB staff have been reviewing the expectations and directions from the Ministry of Education and the recently released *Toronto Public Health COVID-19 Guidance for Child Care Settings*, which outline important health and safety guidelines and funding supports. This message provides information about immediate next steps.

Important Information:

* Child care staff may access their space through coordination with the school Principal and Caretaker. The attached *Protocol for Staff to Access TDSB Schools During Closure: Child Care Addendum (COVID-19)* has been developed to support this process.
* It is important to note that child care programs cannot reopen to serve children and families in schools until the TDSB can safely support this. Staff will advise when this date has been determined.
* TDSB staff continue to work diligently with Toronto Children’s Services and Toronto Public Health to understand the health and safety protocols required, recruit, hire and train additional staff and plan for additional requirements for space by various child care, city and community partners. Teams of staff are working diligently and quickly to put plans in place.
* This week, each operator will receive information from a Staff Member on TDSB’s Child Care Services Team with additional information about next steps in reopening for children.

The TDSB is committed to making our schools available to support as many children as possible through our child care and community partners. The health and safety of children, staff and families who will be in schools must be prioritized and careful planning must take place for over 300 child care centres to reopen during the summer months.

We thank our staff and partners in advance for their patience and commitment to supporting children and families through child care.

Sincerely,

**Child Care Services**

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