

April 3, 2020

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

Dear Child Care Colleagues,

As you are likely aware, on March 31st the Ontario government [announced](http://track.spe.schoolmessenger.com/f/a/Y4F2rabt5S2Lewd5Rmdk_w~~/AAAAAQA~/RgRgZTHDP0R2aHR0cHM6Ly9uZXdzLm9udGFyaW8uY2Evb3BvL2VuLzIwMjAvMDMvb250YXJpby1leHRlbmRzLXNjaG9vbC1hbmQtY2hpbGQtY2FyZS1jbG9zdXJlcy10by1maWdodC1zcHJlYWQtb2YtY292aWQtMTkuaHRtbFcHc2Nob29sbUIKAABD_oNennM0U1IRZWhvYW5nQHJvZ2Vycy5jb21YBAAAAAI~) that, due to the continued spread of COVID-19, all publicly-funded schools in Ontario, including those at the TDSB, will remain closed to students until Monday, May 4, 2020. As we approach this date, the decision will be revaluated by the government and the closure may be extended based on public health advice.

We have become aware that the Ministry of Education’s Early Years and Child Care Division issued a memo on March 31, 2020 to licensed child cares about the *Extension of Emergency and Ministerial Orders*. This memo provides the most current guidance on closure dates to child care centres, and these dates should be used for your planning. If you have any questions about this memo or direction, please contact the Ministry of Education directly.

In alignment with this memo, **child cares located in TDSB schools will remain closed to until May 1, 2020, and as determined by the Ministry of Education**. Please note that our website will be changed accordingly.

The TDSB [website](http://track.spe.schoolmessenger.com/f/a/IWT6Bq5sQKOOfEgME9YSYw~~/AAAAAQA~/RgRgZTHDP0RYaHR0cHM6Ly93d3cudGRzYi5vbi5jYS9FbGVtZW50YXJ5LVNjaG9vbC9TdXBwb3J0aW5nLVlvdS9IZWFsdGgtQWN0aXZlLUxpdmluZy9Db3JvbmF2aXJ1c1cHc2Nob29sbUIKAABD_oNennM0U1IRZWhvYW5nQHJvZ2Vycy5jb21YBAAAAAI~) continues to be updated and includes Frequently Asked Questions, Student Learning Resources, and Mental Health and Well Being Resources.

We understand that each of you are facing challenges as a result of the developing COVID-19 situation. We want you to know that the TDSB remains committed to our child care community and you are certainly a part of our planning and communications as we move through these unprecedented times. Our team continues to be available should you have any questions or would like to connect directly with us.

We thank you for your continued patience and understanding during these tremendously difficult circumstances.

Sincerely,

 **Child Care Services**

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