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Dear Child Care and Before- and After-School Program Colleagues,

Yesterday, the Government of Ontario [announced](http://track.spe.schoolmessenger.com/f/a/RuEfcn3T3P-OtB2XKYWg-Q~~/AAAAAQA~/RgRh31JfP0R_aHR0cHM6Ly9uZXdzLm9udGFyaW8uY2EvZW4vcmVsZWFzZS81OTkyMi9vbnRhcmlvLWRlY2xhcmVzLXNlY29uZC1wcm92aW5jaWFsLWVtZXJnZW5jeS10by1hZGRyZXNzLWNvdmlkLTE5LWNyaXNpcy1hbmQtc2F2ZS1saXZlc1cHc2Nob29sbUIKX_3fHv5fsrg7AVIRZWhvYW5nQHJvZ2Vycy5jb21YBAAAAAI~) new measures to help slow the spread of COVID-19 in the province. As part of yesterday’s announcement, the government has said that **all schools in Toronto will remain closed to students and staff until Wednesday, February 10.** During the closure period, remote virtual learning will continue for students. Before- and after-school programs can resume when in-person instruction resumes.

Child care programs serving non-school-age children (infant, toddler and preschool) may remain open and emergency child care for school-age children will continue for eligible families. For further information in regards to eligibility and locations of the emergency child care programs, please visit the City of Toronto’s [website.](https://www.toronto.ca/news/emergency-child-care-available-for-school-aged-children-of-designated-essential-service-workers-during-remote-learning-week/)

In alignment with the Provincial stay-at-home order, before- and after-school program staff may only access their program space for **work that is both essential and cannot be done from home**. Access for essential work should be coordinated with school Principals and caretaking staff. All Toronto Public Health and TDSB protocols must be followed at all times when onsite, including but not limited to screening, PPE use and physical distancing.

Further information will be posted on our website at [www.tdsb.on.ca](http://www.tdsb.on.ca) but we ask that program operators **please connect directly with the families in your programs so they are aware of this direction.**

We appreciate your continued understanding as we all work to navigate through this together. Please don’t hesitate to connect with our team should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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