



**FAMILY
DAY**

Reopening of Child Care Programs

A Message to Parents

June 9, 2020

Today the Government of Ontario communicated a decision to allow child care programs to reopen as soon as this coming Friday, June 12, 2020. Please see the [news release](#) from the Premier's Office.

In light of yesterday's directive from the Ministry of Education extending the emergency closure of all licensed child care centres until at least June 19th, this announcement came as a surprise. The announcement also appears to be out of alignment with the Premier's previous announcement that child care would only be reopened once the province was well into Phase II of reopening.

During the announcement, Minister of Education Stephen Lecce spoke about the government's commitment to ensuring child care operators are meeting provincial standards and public health protocols to ensure safety for children. The standards and protocols have only just been made available to us. We need time to implement these strict guidelines – three days is not sufficient.

At this point we can confirm that Family Day programs will not be reopening this Friday, June 12th.

The health and safety of children, staff, and families is our primary concern. Our reopening must be safe. There are many unknowns remaining, including how programs will operate with smaller group sizes, as mentioned in today's announcement. We are reaching out to the Ministry of Education and respective municipalities and school boards for further clarity and coordinated planning to allow us to move forward with the reopening of Family Day programs. We will keep you updated and advise you of any decisions that are made about when your child's program will reopen.

In the meanwhile, we continue to plan and prepare to ensure that our programs will be safe for all. Once we have clarity about what is expected and have made decisions, we will communicate specific reopening plans to families by email, and through our website.

Stay tuned and please stay safe.

Sincerely,

Diane Daley, CEO
