



## Province Takes Steps to Ensure Frontline Staff Can Continue to Work

### *Ontario to Open Select Child Care Centres in Etobicoke and across the Province*

TORONTO — Today, Christine Hogarth, MPP Etobicoke-Lakeshore is pleased to share the government's announcement on emergency child care for health care and frontline workers during this COVID-19 outbreak. Ontario is exempting certain childcare centers from closure, in order to support our nurses, doctors, and frontline care workers across the province.

"We know that as health-care and other front-line workers try to keep us safe, they could use help on the home front," said Minister Lecce. "That is why we are teaming up with partners to deliver in unprecedented speed child care centres near hospitals and other health care facilities across Ontario."

**Thomas Berry Early Learning & Child Care** in Etobicoke will open for our frontline workers. Our government is thankful for all the child care professionals who are working hard to keep our children safe, and for our municipal partners and child care operators across the province, who made this possible.

"During these challenging times, our Government is supporting our courageous frontline workers with emergency childcare centres so they can rest assured knowing their children are being looked after in a safe place," said MPP Christine Hogarth. "Our frontline workers will have access to safe, local child care centres, making it easier for health care and other frontline workers to do their jobs."

As emergency child care centres open, a list of locations will be made available on [ontario.ca/coronavirus](https://ontario.ca/coronavirus).

#### Quick Facts

- Ontario public schools will remain closed to teachers until Friday, May 1, 2020, and to students until Monday, May 4, 2020. Private schools, licensed child care centres and EarlyON programs will also remain closed until April 13, according to the Declaration of Emergency, which only allows closures to be extended for one 14-day period at a time.
- On Tuesday, March 31, Ontario launched the second phase of [Learn at Home](#) and [Apprendre à la maison](#), a new online portal that will provide resources for families so students can continue their education while schools are closed due to the ongoing COVID-19 situation.
- Visit Ontario's [website](#) to learn more about how the province continues to protect Ontarians from COVID-19.

#### Additional Resources

- [Learn at Home](#)
- [TVO](#)
- [TFO](#)
- [Information on COVID-19](#)

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