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Province/ Territory	Status of child care	Status of child care for essential workers	Status of funds to support services/pay staff	Community responses	Provincial responses
Newfoundland and Labrador	03/16/2020 – Child care centres closed; not including regulated family child care	03/22/2020 - Minister Warr also announced today that options for the provision of regulated child care services to assist essential workers are being explored.	03/22/2020 – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Families do not have to pay child care fees and that early childhood educators can continue to be paid while centres are closed due to COVID-19. - Provincial Government will provide funding to regulated child care centres and family child care homes at the child care subsidy program rates for all licensed spaces. - This assistance will be in place until April 30 and will be reassessed if closures are still in place at that time.. 	N/A	03/22/2020 - Minister Warr announces financial supports for child care sector
Nova Scotia	03/15/2020 - All regulated child care centres, which include day care and family child care homes, will be closed from March 17 up to and including April 3.	N/A	03/15/2020 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Licensed providers will continue to receive operational grants and subsidies. - Early childhood educators will continue to be paid (if working in licensed care/ family day homes). - Family home daycares will also continue to receive operational grants and subsidies during the closure. - Parents will not pay fees during the closure (applies to licensed child care). - All licensed child-care spaces will be maintained (no one loses their space). 	N/A	N/A
New Brunswick	03/16/2020 - all licensed child care closed.	A few child care centres remain open as they have been identified to serve children of essential workers. Families accessing child care for essential workers will be responsible to pay fees to the centre.	YMCA - Both Fredericton and Saint John YMCAs said they will not take any payment for programs or services until facilities reopen. Other centres - Early Childhood Care and Education of New Brunswick indicated that typically, if there's an unexpected closure, operators will continue to charge parents for their children's care. Providers who are caring for children of essential workers can still charge regular fees to families not using the service. If those families have lost income and cannot	N/A	N/A

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Prince Edward Island	03/16/2020 - Chief Public Health Officer, announced that schools and childcare centres across P.E.I. will be closed of March 17 until April 6.	N/A	03/20/2020 - New early learning and education supports announced today by the Province of Prince Edward Island include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Establishing a fund of up to \$2 million to support early learning centres and their staff, maintain child care spaces and ensure parents do not pay fees during the period of closures; <p>03/16/2020 - Individual businesses can access business interruption insurance, as outlined by Gov. PEI (must be self-employed)</p>	N/A	New educational and financial supports for Islanders, Government statement.
Quebec	03/13/2020 – all child care centres closed as of March 16 - March 27th, 2020.	Free child care services for essential workers at designated sites. Families will not be required to pay for these services. (note: not for infant care but for preschool and elementary aged children)	N/A	N/A	<p>Provincial government announced \$573/ week for workers who are being told to self-isolate as a result of COVID-19.</p> <p>Quebec Government, statement.</p>
Ontario	03/17/18 - All licensed child care centres closed - provincial state of emergency (This order does not apply to child care providers overseen by licensed agencies or unlicensed home child care).	<p>03/22/2020 - Ontario plans to exempt certain child care centres from the order to close all licensed child care centres pursuant to the state of emergency declared earlier this week. Once emergency child care centres open, a list of locations will be made available on ontario.ca/coronavirus.</p> <p>List of eligible essential workers.</p> <p>03/22/2020 – City of Toronto to open licensed child care centres specifically to provide care for children of essential and critical service workers.</p>	N/A	<p>Ontario Coalition for Better Child Care, Statement</p> <p>Ontario Coalition for Better Child Care, Campaign.</p>	<p>03/22/2020 - Province takes steps to ensure frontline staff can continue to work: Ontario to open select child care centres across the province, Government release</p> <p>03/22/2020 - City of Toronto to open child care for essential and critical service workers, City of Toronto – news release</p>

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		<p>The City is establishing an online registration system that will be communicated widely once available. The centres will then open as quickly as possible, following registration.</p> <p>Licensed child care service will be available, at no cost, funded by the Province of Ontario, for children from infant to age 12, and will operate 24 hours a day, seven days a week in order to begin to address the unique demands of people who work shifts to keep the city safe and healthy.</p>			
Manitoba	<p>03/17/2020 - All licensed child care services in Manitoba will be closed as of March 20, 2020.</p> <p>This does not include family or home child care programs -- they are to remain open.</p>	<p>The Manitoba government is investing \$27.6 million to help provide child care to essential front-line workers who need it as they support the province's COVID-19 response</p> <p>Parents who are front-line health-care workers or emergency services providers who can't find alternative child care are asked to call 204-945-0776 or 1-888-213-4754 (toll free) or email cdcinfo@gov.mb.ca</p>	<p>To ensure dedicated child-care the Manitoba government will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • establish a new \$18-million grant program to help early childhood educators affected by the suspension of child-care services in centres to have access to immediate funds to begin independently offering child-care services at their homes or in the community; • continue to provide licensed child-care centres with their full operating grants and subsidies, totaling up to \$7.6 million province wide, so that they can provide care for up to 16 children with first priority given to children of health-care and other essential workers; • invest \$2 million to create a trust that will provide capital grants to child-care providers to ensure safe, quality care; and • encourage all centres to reimburse prepaid fees to parents for child care they can no longer access during this difficult time 	<p>Manitoba Child Care Association statement</p>	<p>Manitoba implementing \$27.6-million plan to support child care for essential workers, Government news release</p>
Saskatchewan	<p>03/15/2020 - All schools and attached child care centres to be closed as of March 20th, 2020.</p> <p>Community based child care centres are to remain open.</p>	<p>The Government of Saskatchewan is repurposing child care facilities in schools to provide child care services to support staff in health care and other employees who are delivering services related to the pandemic response, beginning Monday, March 23.</p>	<p>Child care centres not located in schools are able to continue to operate as normal, and government funding will continue to be provided.</p> <p>Funding from the government to any operating child care centres will continue, they are committed to minimizing financial impact.</p>	<p>Saskatchewan Early Childhood Association</p>	<p>Child care options for health workers and other pandemic response worker, Gov. statement</p>

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Alberta	03/15/2020 - Province announces that all licensed childcare facilities and out-of-school care programs to close immediately. Approved day homes are exempt.	N/A	AB is waiting to hear on support from the federal government for funding stats.	N/A	N/A
British Columbia	As of 03/18/2020 - Child care centres are not closed. - Can choose to close or remain open	03/20/2020 – “We have heard from many child care providers and ECEs who want to stay open to support families and essential service workers at this time. The measures we’re announcing today will give them the support they deserve and the tools they need to continue safely caring for children.”	03/20/2020 - province announced that child care providers that stay open will receive enhanced funding to keep operations going. These centres are eligible to receive seven times their average monthly funding from government, which is expected to cover approximately 75 per cent of a group facility’s average monthly operating expenses. Child care providers who close due to COVID-19 will also receive support to help ensure they are able to pay their fixed costs, like rent/lease/mortgage during the temporary closure, so they can reopen when able. These centres are eligible to receive two times their average monthly funding from government, which is expected to cover approximately 20% of an average group facility’s monthly operating expense.	Early Childhood Educators of BC, statement Coalition of child care advocates of BC, statement	Province supports child care providers during COVID-19 response, Government statement
Yukon	As of 03/18/2020 – Child care centres are not closed.	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Northwest Territories	As of 03/18/2020 – Chief Public Health Officer not currently recommending closure of ELCC programs.	N/A	N/A	N/A	Information for licensed early learning and childcare programs, NWT
Nunavut	03/16/2020 – Daycares closed as of March 17 th to April 7 th .	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A