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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/territorial statements
Newfoundland and Labrador	03/16/2020 – Child care centres closed; not including regulated family child care	03/22/2020 - Minister Warr announced today that options for the provision of regulated child care services to assist essential workers are being explored.	03/22/2020 The 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 so families do not have to pay child care fees and early childhood educators can continue to be paid while centres are closed due to COVID. Will be in place until April 30, reassessed if closures are still in place at that time.		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, including April 3.		03/15/2020 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). Parents will not pay fees during the closure in licensed child care). All licensed child-care spaces will be maintained (no one loses their space). SEE: https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/nova-scotia/public-schools-closures-coronavirus-daycares-1.5499131		
New Brunswick	03/16/2020 - all licensed child care closed.	03/25/2020 - Emergency centres can only have a maximum of 50 children. Province is offering to assist centres with increased cleaning services. This includes school custodians and union, CUPE, have agreed to clean emergency childcare centres around the province to maintain standards during the pandemic. If custodians are unable to do so, the department will pay for private businesses to provide cleaning services. Early Childhood Development Minister Dominic Cardy said the government will cover the cost of childcare for essential services workers who are also paying to reserve their usual space.	03/25/2020 - "We have told centres who have laid-off their employees to not charge parents. If your centre has laid-off their employees and does try to charge you, please contact the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development," Minister Cardy said a the memo 03/16/2020 - 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 if there's a closure, operators may continue to charge parents.		03/16/2020 - Essential service workers can still obtain child care services, Government release.

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		<p>See: https://www.childcarecanada.org/documents/child-care-news/20/03/nb-working-get-children-essential-services-workers-daycare-during-st</p> <p>03/23/22 – Some child care serving essential workers are closing, citing government funding as the reason</p> <p>SEE: https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/new-brunswick/essential-workers-emergency-daycare-1.5506146</p> <p>03/16/2020 - A few child care centres remain open as they have been identified to serve children of essential workers.</p> <p>Information for essential service workers on how to access child care services is now available through the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development's Parent Portal or by calling 1-833-221-9339.</p> <p>Families accessing child care for essential workers will be responsible to pay fees to the centre.</p>	<p>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 support their regular fees, the government will cover them.</p> <p>https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/new-brunswick/daycare-self-isolation-parents-provincial-funding-1.5502734 Citing government memo</p>		
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.	<p>03/25/2020 - The government is surveying parents to identify the need for essential services.</p> <p>See: https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/en/service/emergency-child-care-services</p>	<p>03/20/2020 - Prince Edward Island will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Establish a fund to \$2 million to support early learning centres and their staff, maintain child care spaces and ensure parents do not pay fees during closures; 		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.	<p>03/25/2020 - Emergency services will be offered until May 1, inclusively from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Available for children between the ages of 4 and 13 who are currently attending</p>		03/23/2020 - Association québécoise des CPE, Réponse de la communauté	Government information about daycare and school daycare services for essential workers

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		<p>preschool or elementary school in an English- or French-language public or private school Parents will not have to pay for emergency daycare services.</p> <p>No meal services will be offered, and no snacks will be provided. .03/16/2020 - Quebec government will cover all costs.</p> <p>Essential service workers include police, the fire department, ambulance attendants, employees of Urgency Quebec, correctional officers, special constables, child care staff, others</p> <p>https://www.quebec.ca/en/family-and-support-for-individuals/emergency-daycare-services/emergency-school-daycare-services/</p>		Information for parents and educators, references, best practices.	<p>See: https://www.quebec.ca/en/family-and-support-for-individuals/emergency-daycare-services/emergency-school-daycare-services/</p> <p>http://www.education.gouv.qc.ca/en/coronavirus/</p>
Ontario	<p>03/17/18 - All licensed child care centres closed - provincial state of emergency (This does not apply to child care providers overseen by licensed agencies or unlicensed home child care).</p>	<p>03/25/2020 - Details of emergency child care for essential workers</p> <p>Support for RECEs working in child care centres, College of Early Childhood Educators, Ontario</p> <p>City of Toronto: Precautions will include daily screening of children and families prior to admission, increased cleaning, and reduced group sizes. Care will be provided for infants to age 12.</p> <p>03/22/2020 – Ontario will open 50,000 free spaces 24 hours/7 days a week in existing child care centres identified by municipalities.</p> <p>List of eligible essential workers, ontario.ca/coronavirus.</p> <p>https://www.thestar.com/news/gta/2020/03/22/province-opening-50000-free-24-hour-child-care-spaces-for-essential-workers.html</p>	Applying for financial support (EI): Information for child care and early years' workers relating to COVID-19, AECEO	<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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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>03/25/2020 - Emergency child care services in licensed child care centres can care for a maximum number of 16 children.</p> <p>03/20/2020 - \$27.6 million to help provide child care to essential front-line workers who need it to support the province’s COVID-19 response</p> <p>Parents who are essential workers - call 204-945-0776 or 1-888-213-4754 (toll free) or email cdcinfo@gov.mb.ca</p>	<p>The Manitoba government will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – establish new \$18-million grant to help ECEs 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 up to \$7.6 million to licensed child care centres with their full operating grants and subsidies to care for up to 16 children, priority to children of health-care and other essential workers; – \$2 million trust for 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 	<p>Manitoba Child Care Association statement</p> <p>CUPE Manitoba</p>	<p>Manitoba implementing \$27.6-million plan to support child care for essential workers,</p> <p>https://news.gov.mb.ca/news/index.html?item=47138</p> <p>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>03/20/2020 - Childcare centres that are not located in schools are able to continue operation at this time.</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>A list of included workers is available at: https://www.childcarecanada.org/documents/child-care-news/20/03/child-care-options-health-workers-and-other-pandemic-response-worker</p>	<p>03/25/2020 - Deputy Premier and Education Minister Gordon Wyant said the government has been working with childcare providers in schools to provide this essential service.</p> <p>Minister Wyant further explained the province will provide 50 per cent of the operating costs of the centres from the provincial Early Childhood grant funding, with the remainder being paid by the parent.</p>	<p>Saskatchewan Early Childhood Association</p>	<p>Child care options for health workers and other pandemic response worker, government .statement</p>

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Alberta	<p>03/15/2020 - Province announces that all licensed childcare facilities and out-of-school care programs to close immediately.</p> <p>Approved day homes are exempt.</p>	<p>03/19/2020 - “Up to 15,000 child care spaces will begin to reopen this week for health professionals and other core service workers. Centres initially chosen based on proximity to health care. Access will be prioritized to health-care practitioners, critical infrastructure workers, additional spaces will then be available to first responders (firefighters and police officers) and others.”</p> <p>Each centre will be limited to no more than 30 people, including staff, and will be required to adhere to strict cleaning and sanitation standards”.</p> <p>See: https://globalnews.ca/news/6708622/alberta-premier-coronavirus-covid-19-update-march-20/ quoting government statement</p>			Child care for core service worker, Government release
British Columbia	<p>As of 03/18/2020 - Child care centres are not closed; can choose to close or remain open</p> <p>Government statement Province supports child care providers during COVID-19 response,</p>	<p>03/25/2020 - Reducing the number of children in child care centres will make it easier for licensees and ECEs to follow preventative health measures. The Ministry of Health is developing detailed guidelines to inform licensees, ECEs and licensing officers on implementing best practice, which will be circulated to child care providers shortly.</p> <p>See: https://www.childcarecanada.org/documents/child-care-news/20/03/province-supports-child-care-providers-during-covid-19-response</p>	<p>03/20/2020 - Child care providers that stay open will receive enhanced funding to keep operations going... eligible to receive seven times their average monthly funding from the government, which is expected to cover approximately 75 percent of a centre’s average monthly operating expenses.</p> <p>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 the government, which is expected to cover approximately 20% of an average group facility’s monthly operating expense.</p>	<p>Early Childhood Educators of BC, statement</p> <p>Coalition of child care advocates of BC, statement</p>	Province supports child care providers during COVID-19 response, Government statement

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Yukon	As of 03/18/2020 – Child care centres are not closed, as declared in state of emergency. See: https://www.childcarecanada.org/documents/child-care-news/20/03/public-health-emergency-declared-yukon-over-covid-19				
Northwest Territories	As of 03/18/2020 – Chief Public Health Officer not currently recommending closure of ELCC programs.				Information for licensed early learning and childcare programs, NWT
Nunavut	03/16/2020 – Child care centres closed as of March 17 th to April 7 th .				