



Information about coronavirus (COVID-19)

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Educational childcare services in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic

Educational childcare services

Reopening of childcare services

As of May 11, all childcare services, including non-subsidized daycares and recognized and non-recognized family daycare centres, will be progressively reopened in all regions of Québec, with the exception of the [Communauté métropolitaine de Montréal](https://cmm.qc.ca/a-propos/territoires-et-municipalites/) (Montréal metropolitan community - MMC). Starting on May 11, all children will return to the daycare they had attended before the closure of March 13, 2020. Childcare services in the Montréal metropolitan community will reopen on May 19.

“Emergency” childcare services will no longer be offered as of Friday, May 15.

To benefit from the service, your child must have already attended a daycare before the closure. In addition, you must be working in a [job providing priority services](https://www.quebec.ca/en/health/health-issues/a-z/2019-coronavirus/essential-services-commercial-activities-covid19/) that entitles you to educational childcare services. [School-aged children](#) will no longer be able to benefit from educational childcare services.

Return to daycares is voluntary. Parents who use the service must resume paying parental fees at a regular rate. Any children who do not return to daycares immediately will not lose their place and will not be charged fees. Parents are encouraged to contact their daycares to discuss the terms of their child’s return.

Full measures must be taken to ensure the health and safety of children and daycare personnel. Prevention guidelines will be issued to daycares for this purpose.

Gradual widening of access to childcare services

Access to childcare services will be widened gradually based on a continually updated list of [priority sectors \(https://www.quebec.ca/en/health/health-issues/a-z/2019-coronavirus/essential-services-commercial-activities-covid19/\)](https://www.quebec.ca/en/health/health-issues/a-z/2019-coronavirus/essential-services-commercial-activities-covid19/). The number of children in daycares will increase gradually based on the recommendations of the Direction générale de la santé publique (DGSP).

If demand exceeds the number of places recommended by the DGSP, priority will be given to parents for whom working from home is not an option.

Guidelines for vulnerable parents

The Direction générale de la santé publique recommends that the following parents not send their preschool-aged children to childcare services until the end of the pandemic in Québec:

- pregnant women
- parents aged 60 and older
- parents with chronic diseases or with immunodeficiency
- any other parents who are at risk of complications if they were to contract COVID-19

New registrations

Registration of new children to childcare services must be done on the [La Place 0-5](https://www.laplace0-5.com/) (<https://www.laplace0-5.com/>) website.

To consult also

[Frequently asked questions](https://www.quebec.ca/en/health/health-issues/a-z/2019-coronavirus/answers-questions-coronavirus-covid19/questions-answers-education-families-covid-19/) (<https://www.quebec.ca/en/health/health-issues/a-z/2019-coronavirus/answers-questions-coronavirus-covid19/questions-answers-education-families-covid-19/>).

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