

MEMORANDUM

TO: Consolidated Municipal Service Managers and District Social Services Administration Boards
Chiefs of First Nations with Licensed Child Care and First Nations Child Care Administrators

FROM: Shannon Fuller
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DATE: March 17, 2020

SUBJECT: Update on Covid-19

The COVID-19 situation in Ontario is continuing to evolve and we are committed to keeping you informed. Today, acting on the best advice of our Chief Medical Officer of Health and other leading public health officials across the province, the Premier of Ontario, Doug Ford, declared a state of emergency and ordered the closure of all licensed child care centres, and all facilities providing indoor recreational programs including EarlyON Child and Family Centres. The orders will remain in place until March 31, 2020, at which point they will be reassessed and considered for extension, unless this order is terminated earlier. This order does not apply to child care providers overseen by licensed agencies or unlicensed home child care.

We recognize that you will have many additional questions and we are committed to providing additional information on an ongoing basis.

More information, including regular updates, for families, schools, and boards is available in English, French, and more than 20 additional languages from the Ontario Ministry of Health at the Ontario Ministry of Health COVID-19 webpage at ontario.ca/coronavirus.

Thank you for your ongoing commitment to Ontario students and children.

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Assistant Deputy Minister

c. Ontario Municipal Social Services Association

Links:

Ontario Enacts Declaration of Emergency to Protect the Public

<https://news.ontario.ca/opo/en/2020/03/ontario-enacts-declaration-of-emergency-to-protect-the-public.html>

Statement by Dr. David Williams, Chief Medical Officer of Health:

https://news.ontario.ca/mohltc/en/2020/03/enhanced-measures-to-protect-ontarians-from-covid-19.html?utm_source=ondemand&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=0.

Ontario Ministry of Health Coronavirus webpage:

<https://www.ontario.ca/coronavirus>