

Dear child care and early years partners,

Today, Toronto Public Health (TPH), announced that **all schools in Toronto, will be closed to in-person learning as of Wednesday, April 7, 2021 and remain closed up to and including Sunday, April 18, 2021.** This TPH order is being made under Section 22 of Ontario's Health Protection and Promotion Act in an effort to slow the spread of COVID-19.

Under this order, as of April 7, 2021:

- Licensed child care programs will be permitted to offer care to children (infant, toddler, preschool) who **do not attend school**, including those child care programs that are co-located in a school.
- Licensed child care programs for school aged children are not permitted to offer care. These include before and after school programs and any planned non-instructional April Break programs and/or camps.
- Licensed home child care programs will be permitted to offer care to children who **do not attend school**.
- Children who do not attend school but have school aged siblings can continue in care, unless their school age sibling has been instructed to self-isolate per their school/classroom closure.

Toronto Children's Services is reviewing the options for operation of emergency child care for 4-12 year olds during the school closure, under the order by TPH. If offered, the earliest start date for emergency child care in Toronto would be Monday, April 12. More information will be sent to the sector as soon as it is available.

We know these are stressful times. We thank you for your ongoing support to Toronto families.

Sincerely,

Toronto Children's Services