

April 13, 2021

Dear Child Care and Before- and After-School Program Colleagues,

As many of you have likely heard, the Government of Ontario [announced](https://news.ontario.ca/en/release/61106/ontario-moves-schools-to-remote-learning-following-spring-break) yesterday that all schools in the province, including those in the TDSB, will be moving to remote learning following the April break. This decision is in response to the rapid increase in COVID-19 cases, the increasing risks posed to the public by COVID-19 variants, and the spike in hospital admissions.

Beginning on Monday, April 19, remote and virtual learning will continue for all students. The government has not yet provided a date for a return to in-person learning. As part of yesterday’s announcement, the government indicated that data will be assessed on an ongoing basis and health officials will be consulted to determine when it will be safe to resume in-person learning.

During this period of remote learning, all before- and after-school programs for kindergarten and school-age children will be closed, with the exception of [Emergency Child Care](https://www.toronto.ca/news/emergency-child-care-available-for-school-aged-children-of-designated-essential-service-workers-during-remote-learning-week/) as approved by Toronto Children’s Services . Child care programs serving infant, toddler and preschool-age children have been permitted to continue operating.

We understand that yesterday’s announcement is difficult to hear and that the multiple transitions between in-person and remote learning this school year has direct impacts and challenges for our child care and before- and after-school program partners. We appreciate your continued understanding as we all work to navigate through this together. Please don’t hesitate to connect with our team should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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