

## **COVID-19 UPDATE – January 2022**

### **Status of Licensed Child Care Centres and EarlyON Child and Family Centres**

Ontario is temporarily moving into [Step Two of the Roadmap to Reopen](#). Check out what this means for licensed child care centers and EarlyON Child and Family Centres below.

#### **EarlyON Child and Family Centres**

EarlyON Child and Family Centres are temporarily suspending in-person programs. Centres will continue to offer virtual programming for families such as online story times and weekly craft kits for pick-up. Please contact the [Centre](#) directly or visit their Facebook page for more information about the services currently available for families.

#### **Licensed Child Care Centres and Emergency Child Care**

On January 3 the Province [announced](#) that all Ontario schools will move to remote learning effective January 5, 2022. Child care for non-school aged children remains open during this time. However, licensed child care programs and authorized recreation programs that serve school age children are required to close effective January 5 per the Ministry of Education. To support parents of school-aged children who are required to work during the school closure, the Ministry of Education is implementing a free, targeted emergency child care (ECC) program for school-aged children of eligible families. January 10, 2022 is the targeted date for ECC programs to be operational.

Families can apply for emergency child care through the Rainy River DSSAB. Visit our [Children's Services](#) page for details.

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