



YMCA Child Care Re-Opening Prioritization Policy

As child care centres re-open under Phase 2 of Ontario's Re-Opening plan, there will be reduced capacity in each centre. Children will be placed in cohorts of no more than 10, including staff. Siblings may be grouped together based on their age to reduce the number of contacts in a classroom.

The YMCA will use the following principles to plan the return of children to the centre.

1. Full Time Status

Families who were full time at the point of closure and wish to continue with full time care will receive priority over part time families. Schedule change requests can be submitted however may not be guaranteed.

2. Parent/Guardians Working or in School

Families where all parents/guardians are working or in school will receive priority.

3. Prioritization

Spaces will be filled according to the ordinance of the sequential priority list:

1. Emergency Child Care attendees
2. YMCA Staff working in Essential Services
3. Essential Health Care Worker
4. Essential Worker
5. Work/ School Outside of the Home
6. Work/School Inside the Home
7. Special Circumstances
8. Socialization

4. Duration of Care

If after the first three principles are applied there are still more families that wish to return to child care than there are spaces, families that have been in care longer will be prioritized.

Community Focus

In communities where there are more than one YMCA child care centre, families will be prioritized as a community. This may result in families being offered a spot in a different centre.

School Age Children, Summer 2020

We recognize there are limited options for families with school aged children. In the event that there are spaces available in child care centres after all full time infant, toddler and preschool

families have been accommodated the four priority principles above will be used to place school age children in our full day child care centres.

Future Start Dates

Spaces will be held for families who do not need to return to care yet or who do not have a space in the initial re-opening of the centre at this time. As our capacity can be increased, we will use the principles above to bring more families back to the centre.

Requests to Change Care

Families should submit any changes to their care needs to their supervisor as soon as possible. As we are required to hold spaces at this time for all families registered at the time of closure we will only be able to accommodate any requests for changes once we can confirm that we have spaces available.

Full Time to Part Time

Families who have restarted child care on a full time basis who wish to move to part time will be offered the first right of refusal should there be a full time family waiting to return to care. If the part time family does not wish to move to full time care, the full time family will receive the space.

New Enrollment

Families will be placed on a waiting list and will be contacted once a space becomes available. There is no fee for a family to be placed on a waiting list.