

# Child care and early learning e-newsletter

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Welcome to The Regional Municipality of Durham's Child Care and Early Learning updates e-newsletter. These e-newsletters provide licensed child care operators in Durham Region with updated information related to child care.

This edition includes the following topics:

- **Ontario's agreement under the Canada-wide Early Learning and Child Care system**
- **Durham Region Health Department isolation gowns**

## Ontario's agreement under the Canada-wide Early Learning and Child Care system

On March 28, the provincial government announced that Ontario reached an agreement with the federal government under the Canada-wide Early Learning and Child Care (CWELCC) system.

Highlights from Ontario's agreement include:

- A federal investment of \$13.2 billion over six years with the province having secured more certainty around out-year funding. The deal includes an additional year of funding of at least \$2.9 billion.
- Reduction of child care fees through four steps of reduction to an average of \$10 a day per child five years old and younger by September 2025.
- Parent rebates, retroactive to April 1, will begin being distributed by operators in May.
- Creation of approximately 86,000 new, high-quality child care spaces for children five years old and younger.
- Hiring new early childhood educators and support improved compensation for all registered early childhood educators (ECEs) working in licensed child care.
- Work with municipalities to enroll 5,000 licensed child care centres and home child care agencies into the program between now and September 1.

As the Consolidated Municipal Service Manager (CMSM) for Durham, we will work with the province and use local priorities to develop and implement the plan for Durham Region. Once the full tool kit has been received from the ministry, the Regional Municipality of Durham Children's Services Division will be able to begin accepting applications regarding participation.

To begin the process, licensed child care operators, regardless of current service agreement (POS) status with the Children's Services Division, will be required to submit an application of enrollment to opt-in to the Canada-wide Early Learning and Child Care (CWELCC) system. This application will be shared in the coming days. Should a licensee choose not to participate in the CWELCC system, they are required to notify parents, their employees, and the service system manager. They must complete and submit the 'Sector-Wide Fee Cap for Licensee Opt-Out Form 2022' to the service system manager.

We understand parents are eager to hear more about the CWELCC plan including timelines for refunds and savings they will receive. Please be sure to share the [March 28, 2022, letter to Ontario parents from Stephen Lecce, Minister of Education](#). Information for families will be updated on our [website](#) as it becomes available.

Information for service providers will be updated on our [website under Early Learning and Child Care](#) and will also be circulated using our current email distribution lists. There will be a virtual child care operators network session scheduled after we receive the ministry guidelines. Operators will be notified once that meeting has been scheduled.

The following associated links contain detailed information on Ontario's agreement under the CWELCC system.

- [CCEYA Regulatory amendments for the CWELCC](#)
- [\\$13.2 billion child care deal will lower fees for families](#)
- [\\$10-a-day child care for families in Ontario](#)
- [Ontario's child care action plan puts families first](#)

## Durham Region Health Department isolation gowns

The Durham Region Health Department has a surplus of brand-new-in-box Level 2 cloth isolation gowns. These isolation gowns come in cases of 60 gowns and are available to child care operators at no cost. If you would like to receive isolation gowns for your centre use, please contact [Erin Campbell](#) to indicate your desired amount of case(s) and arrange for pick-up at either Hillsdale Terraces, 600 Oshawa Blvd. North Oshawa

Or Fairview Lodge, 632 Dundas St. West Whitby. Drop-off may also be arranged if required. Please contact:

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