
INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Q: My child attends kindergarten (1/2 day, full day or every other day). If their school has been moved to remote learning, can they attend their child-care facility on the days when they are not in school?

- Public health has advised that only kindergarten students of critical service workers and other children that are in-school learning can attend child care on the days they are not in school. Kindergarten students that are remote learning at home cannot attend child care.
- As per previous directives, only children who are receiving in-school learning can attend child care when they are not receiving schooling (e.g. before and after school, alternate days not in class for kindergarten students, in-service days).

Q: My child attends nursery school within a school division, can they attend a child-care facility?

- Nursery schools operated by a school division are part of the school system and must follow the directives laid out for this sector.

Q: Will I still need to pay my child-care facility for a space that I am not using during this closure?

- No, the Department of Families will provide facilities with a grant equal to the parent fees for the children who are not allowed to attend their before- and after-school programs as a result of the move to remote learning during this period.

Q: Will I lose my child-care space because of this change?

- No, families will retain their child-care spaces during this period.

Q: My child is NOT remote learning. How do I find a school-aged child-care space?

- Manitoba families and licensed child-care facilities are encouraged to use the Manitoba Child Care Search tool developed to support the COVID-19 response and the provincial approach to restoring safe services.
- The Manitoba Child Care Search is a new user-friendly tool that provides the flexibility and support for direct contact between families and child-care facilities, and lists up-to-date information about licensed child-care vacancies, hours and locations. The tool encourages direct connections with families to facilities to discuss needs and plan for enrolment. To find and locate licensed child-care providers, visit www.eswchildcare.ca.