

DEPARTMENT OF FAMILIES CIRCULAR

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To: Early Learning and Child Care Facilities

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Procedure

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As per circular 2021-26, school-age children learning remotely at home have been unable to attend child care facilities before or after school hours, nor full day child care. With the end of school approaching, the Department of Families has been in discussions with public health on their recommendations for child care provision over the summer months.

Effective July 1, 2021, licensed child care facilities will be able to resume caring for Kindergarten and school-age children, regardless of whether they had been learning remotely or in-school. Facilities may offer full-time programming through the summer, as per usual. At this time, public health officials are not recommending changes to cohort sizes. We would like to remind facilities to continue implementing the measures outlined in the [Early Learning and Child Care Practice Guide](#) to ensure a safe healthy environment for children and staff.

Public health has also advised that summer day camps will re-open with cohort sizes of 20 children as outlined in the Health Orders and are reminded to put the measures outlined in the [Early Learning and Child Care Practice Guide](#) in place to ensure safe services.

The Early Learning and Child Care Program continues to monitor and update resources related to COVID-19 and child care in Manitoba. For operational updates and directives, visit: Manitoba Families COVID-19 Notices and Circulars: <https://www.gov.mb.ca/fs/covid-circulars.html>. For the latest provincial public health information on COVID-19, visit: www.manitoba.ca/covid19

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