

December 23, 2020

**RE: Parent Notice Regarding Provincial Lockdown Impacts to School-Aged Children**

Dear Parents and Guardians,

In response to the COVID-19 outbreak, the Ontario government has [implemented a Provincewide shutdown](#) starting December 26, 2020. As a result, there are new restrictions that impact families with school aged children **for the week of January 4 – 8, 2021.**

**School aged children (JK to age 12)**

- Licensed child care centres are not able to provide care for school aged children. \*
- Parents of school aged children who are unable to access care during this time will not be charged or lose their spot.

\*Kindergarten aged children who were not registered in school for the 2020-21 school year may continue to attend licensed child care.

**Emergency Child Care (for school aged children)**

- The Region is working on a plan for emergency child care for eligible families. Please visit the Region's [website](#) for more information.

**Parents with infants, toddlers and preschoolers:**

- Licensed child care programs remain open and children may attend as normal.

Families receiving Child Care Fee Subsidy can refer to the Q&As below for more information.

Thank you,

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## Questions & Answers – Child Care Fee Subsidy

The following Q&As are for families receiving Child Care Fee Subsidy for the week of January 4 – 8, 2021.

**1. Do I still have to pay my parent fee if my school aged child is not attending care for the week of January 4 – 8?**

Parents of school aged children who are unable to access care, will not be charged the parent fee and will not lose their spot in child care.

**2. What happens if I choose to keep my preschool aged child at home during the week of January 4 – 8?**

If you decide to keep your infant, toddler or preschooler out of care, you must follow the regular procedure for reporting your child's absence to your child care provider. Absence days will be counted following regular practice. If there are changes to this policy, you will be notified.

**3. Who can I contact if I have more questions about the closure?**

You can contact your Children's Services Worker (CSW) if you have more questions about the closure.

Please note that the Region's offices will be closed starting at noon on December 24 to January 3, 2021. During this time, you may access the Region's [website](#) for more information.