

COVID-19 UPDATE

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Thunder Bay Regional
Health Sciences
Centre

To: All Hospital Staff and Professional Staff
From: Amy Carr, Director, Human Resources
Date: April 17, 2020
RE: **REVISED: Emergency Child Care for Essential Services**

Managers, please ensure your staff are aware of this important update.

To support members of our essential workforce, emergency child care services will be available at no cost to families, funded by the Province of Ontario. Emergency Child Care services are reserved exclusively for children of essential critical service workers as defined by the Province of Ontario who must report to a work location. As spaces are limited, The District of Thunder Bay Social Services Administration Board (TBDSSAB) will prioritize child care space for **essential critical service workers with no other child care options.**

Centre hours will range from 7:00am to 5:30pm, Monday to Friday in the City of Thunder Bay and in Geraldton. As the situation is fluid, service options may fluctuate. We anticipate the opening date to be the week of April 20, 2020. Demand may exceed available spaces; TBDSSAB will work closely with the provincial government and community partners to determine how services may be expanded in this case.

Applications are now being accepted for Emergency Child Care. Please apply online at www.thunderbaychildcare.ca and sign in with an existing account or register for a new account. As the Emergency Child Care service requires a separate application, applying with an existing waitlist account will not modify any other waitlist choices.

TBDSSAB will contact eligible families when a space is available.

If you have any questions, please direct them to Louise Piercey, Manager, Child Care & Early Years Programs at louise.piercey@tbdssab.ca.

All Hospital COVID-19 updates are available on the iNtranet at <https://comms.tbrhsc.net/covid-19-information/>.

For more information about COVID-19, please contact the Thunder Bay District Health Unit at 1-888-294-6630 or www.tbduh.com/coronavirus. More information is also available at <https://files.ontario.ca/moh-coronavirus-info-sheet-english-2020-02-18.pdf>.