



WELCOME BACK, ELC FAMILIES!

UPDATE: REOPENING OF CDI EARLY LEARNING CENTRES

August 10, 2020

Child Development Institute's Early Learning Centres across Toronto are re-opening as of August 10, 2020, after getting the green light from government and public health authorities.

The following CDI child-care centres will re-open to provide quality care to families who were enrolled as of March 16, the date of the mandated closure:

- Annex Early Learning Centre
- Fraser Mustard Early Learning Centre
- Parkdale Early Learning Centre
- Wellesley Early Learning Centre
- Windermere Early Learning Centre

The re-opening of CDI Early Learning Centres is guided by **specific public health requirements** and **strict safety and operational safeguards** to ensure our firm commitment to keeping our children, families and employees safe.

All staff have met the training requirements of the Ministry of Education, City of Toronto and Toronto Public Health to ensure the implementation and maintenance of rules and guidelines set forth in the province's [A Framework for Reopening the Province](#) and CDI's *COVID-19 Response Plan*:

Cohorting: Groups of 15 children or less plus supporting staffing ratios, who will remain together for 5 days;

Screening: All employees and children screened prior to entry to the Early Learning Centre. Anyone feeling unwell must stay home;

Deep Cleaning: All Early Learning Centres thoroughly cleaned daily before opening, frequently during operating hours and end of day;

Prevention: Employee use of **Personal Protection Equipment (PPE)** - employer-provided gloves, masks, face shields; minimizing amount of toys and equipment in child-care setting;

Following public health guidance at all times, including **physical distancing protocols** during drop-off and pick-up of children, and frequent **hand washing**, beginning at arrival in the child-care setting;

Attendance Recording: Keeping of daily records to support contact tracing;

No Parents or Visitors: We understand that this might be disconcerting to families, however, this is a Public Health direction, solely to ensure the health and safety of everyone. Only essential, scheduled visitors will be permitted entry into the child-care setting.

We recognize that the closure of our Centres since March 16, 2020, due to the impacts of COVID-19, has brought upon numerous challenges to parents/caregivers, children and families. It is our hope that the re-opening of our Early Learning Centres brings relief, reassurance and support to the families in our care as children re-engage in learning, play and social activities that are critical to healthy child development.

Please note that our EarlyON Centres remain closed until further notice from Toronto Children's Services.

We encourage you to visit our website at childdevelop.ca/coronavirus to learn helpful ways in which you can talk, engage and educate your child during this time and practice healthy habits that help keep us healthy all year round.

Sincerely,

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