



## **Emergency Child Care for Health Care & Other Frontline Workers - SCHOOL AGE CHILDREN ONLY**

On Monday December 21st, the Premier of Ontario announced Safer at Home Restrictions for the next 28 days and ordered a range of time-limited public health actions to help curb the spread of COVID-19. One such action is, starting December 26, 2020, all elementary schools, publicly-funded and private, will be closed for in-person learning. Students enrolled in publicly-funded schools will move to virtual learning for the week of January 4, 2021 to January 8, 2021.

To support health care and front line workers (see pages 3-5 below for a comprehensive list), the Ministry of Education will be implementing a **targeted emergency child care program** for school-aged children only (ages 4 -12 years), at no cost to eligible parents, from January 4-8, 2021.

### **Requirements and Criteria for Targeted Emergency Child Care for School-Aged Children**

#### Eligibility

Those eligible for emergency child care (ECC) include health care and other frontline workers whose school aged children are enrolled in school (list below).

#### Emergency Child Care Locations

School-aged ECC for health care and frontline workers will be offered at the following locations in the County of Lambton:

- **North Lambton Child Care - Grand Bend School**, 15 Gill Rd, Grand Bend  
Phone: 519-381-2540      Email: [cgiles@nlchildcare.ca](mailto:cgiles@nlchildcare.ca)
- **Sombra Township Child Care - Riverview Site**, 3926 St Clair Pkwy, Port Lambton  
Phone: 519-892-3151 x201      Email: [nderoeven@stccadmin.ca](mailto:nderoeven@stccadmin.ca)
- **YMCA - St. Joseph's Corunna School**, 535 Birchbank Dr, Corunna  
Phone: 519-862-5071 ext. 221      Email: [amber.passingham@swo.ymca.ca](mailto:amber.passingham@swo.ymca.ca).



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- **London Bridge - Holy Trinity School**, 60 Lorne Crescent, Sarnia

Phone: 519-337-8668

Email: [jvallinga@londonbridge.com](mailto:jvallinga@londonbridge.com)

School aged child care spaces are limited at each facility and families are required to contact one of the centers listed above to inquire about availability of space. Eligible families should identify themselves as essential health care or frontline workers when they contact the agency.

The following summarizes the steps to apply for emergency child care for your school aged child(ren):

- **Step 1:** From the list of 4 agencies above, contact the child care provider of your choice to register and determine if a space is available that meets your needs.
- **Step 2:** Complete a simplified application for emergency child care by emailing [childcareadmin@county-lambton.on.ca](mailto:childcareadmin@county-lambton.on.ca) or by calling the County of Lambton Children's Services Department at: 519-344-2062 extension 2201.
- **Step 3:** A Children's Services Department staff will follow up with you within 2 business days to confirm eligibility. Department staff will also confirm your eligibility with the child care operator.



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**LIST OF ELIGIBLE WORKERS FOR EMERGENCY CHILD CARE**  
(As of Dec 24, 2020)

1. An individual who is,
  - i. a regulated health professional, or
  - ii. an unregulated health care provider working in health care delivery, either directly or indirectly.
2. A police officer as defined in the *Police Services Act*.
3. A special constable appointed pursuant to section 53 of the *Police Services Act*.
4. A member of a police force other than a police officer as defined in the *Police Services Act*.
5. A First Nations Constable appointed pursuant to section 54 of the *Police Services Act* or a member of a police service in which policing is delivered by First Nations Constables.
6. A provincial offences officer as defined in the *Provincial Offences Act*.
7. An individual employed as a firefighter as defined in the *Fire Protection and Prevention Act, 1997*.
8. An individual who is,
  - i. engaged in providing fire protection services as defined in the *Fire Protection and Prevention Act, 1997*,
  - ii. employed in a fire department as defined in the *Fire Protection and Prevention Act, 1997*, or
  - iii. employed in the Office of the Fire Marshal and whose duties include being a fire investigator or supervising or managing fire investigators.
9. A paramedic as defined in the *Ambulance Act*.
10. A coroner as defined in the *Coroners Act*.
11. A worker in a correctional institution as defined in the *Ministry of Correctional Services Act* or an independent contractor who supplies services to correctional institutions, including, but not limited to, employees of Trilcor.
12. Probation and parole officers as described in the *Ministry of Correctional Services Act*, including institutional liaison officers, court liaison officers, individuals employed as



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assistant area managers and area managers of staff at probation and parole offices and the administrative and support staff at these offices.

13. An individual employed in the Institutional Services Division of the Ministry of the Solicitor General, including a person employed in a correctional institution as defined in section 1 of the *Ministry of Correctional Services Act*.

14. An individual employed in the Operational Support Division of the Correctional Services Recruitment and Training Centre in the Ministry of the Solicitor General who,  
i. provides facilities or maintenance services, or  
ii. is a Senior Staff Development Officer or Manager of Customized Training.

15. An employee of Compass Group Canada Ltd. who works at or provides services in relation to the Cook Chill Food Production Centre.

16. An individual employed in the Ministry of the Solicitor General who performs one or more of the following functions for the Institutional Services Division or Community Services Division:

- i. Performing electronic monitoring services.
- ii. Performing CPIC searches.
- iii. Preparing community supervision orders.

17. An individual employed in the Ministry of the Solicitor General at the Centre for Forensic Sciences who is involved in supporting and conducting forensic testing and analysis.

18. An individual employed in the Ministry of the Solicitor General at the Provincial Forensic Pathology Unit.

19. An individual employed in the Provincial Emergency Operations Centre or at the Ministry of the Solicitor General's Emergency Operations Centre.

20. An animal welfare inspector appointed pursuant to the *Provincial Animal Welfare Services Act, 2019* or an individual employed by the Ministry of the Solicitor General in the Animal Welfare Services Branch who is directly involved in supporting animal welfare inspectors.

21. An individual employed in the operation of,  
i. a place of secure custody designated under section 24.1 of the *Young Offenders Act (Canada)*, whether in accordance with section 88 of the *Youth Criminal Justice Act (Canada)* or otherwise, or



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- ii. a place of secure temporary detention as defined in subsection 2 (1) of the *Child, Youth and Family Services Act, 2017*.
22. Persons employed in the Direct Operated Facilities Branch of the Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services.
23. An individual who performs work that is essential to the delivery of core services in a municipality or First Nation community, as determined by the municipality or First Nation.
24. An individual who performs work of a critical nature in their service area or community, as determined by the Minister of Education or his delegate in consultation with the relevant service system manager or First Nation as those terms are defined under the *Child Care and Early Years Act, 2014*.
25. An individual who works in a child care center or who otherwise provides child care in accordance with the requirements in this Order.
26. A member of the Canadian Armed Forces or an employee of the Department of National Defense.
27. All persons employed in the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry who are engaged in,
- i. prevention, mitigation, preparedness, response or recovery actions, as applicable, with respect to,
    - A. fires as defined in the *Forest Fires Prevention Act*,
    - B. floods,
    - C. dam failures, or
    - D. emergencies relating to oil and gas exploration or production, hydrocarbon underground storage, and salt solution mining, or
  - ii. the provision of support services to Conservation Officers through the operation of the Ministry's Provincial Communications Unit.
28. A person who holds a license issued under section 13 of the *Private Security and Investigative Services Act, 2005* to act as a security guard.
29. Staff as defined in the *Retirement Homes Act, 2010*.
30. Licensees as defined in the *Retirement Homes Act, 2010* who are individuals and who work or provide services at a retirement home.
31. Staff as defined in the *Long-Term Care Homes Act, 2007*.