

## **Update: In-school child care for children of essential services workers**

The provision of child care for essential services workers was one of the key directives from the Minister of Education, Rob Fleming, when he announced the suspension of in-class instruction on March 17, 2020. The Vancouver School District began providing in-school child care for children of essential services workers on Monday, April 6.

With the next phase of the COVID-19 response now beginning, the last day that temporary in-school child care services will be offered is Friday, May 29.

The BC Government recently announced that schools will offer in-class instruction beginning Monday, June 1. As part of this plan, full-time instruction will be available to children of essential services workers enrolled in District elementary schools. It is important to note that in-class attendance is voluntary and the decision rests with students' families.

The District was pleased to offer assistance to frontline workers to support them in the invaluable service they provide to the community. District and school-based staff look forward to welcoming students back to their regular classrooms, should their families wish. For students whose families decide not to have them attend in-class in June, school staff will continue to support their learning from home.

For more information about the resumption of in-class instruction, please see [here](#). For details about other child care operators in Vancouver, please contact the [Westcoast Child Care Resource Centre](#).