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Regional Child Care Centres to reopen

The Province of Ontario has announced that Child Care Centres and EarlyON programs can begin to reopen on Friday, June 12, 2020, provided centre's adhere to strict public health measures during the COVID-19 Pandemic. The Kenora District Services Board (KDSB) is working with its community operators to transition from Emergency Child Care Programming and, in a number of communities, to reopen Child Care Centres.

“The immediate priority is to make certain that every safety measure necessary is taken to protect the children, families, and child care staff in the centres. The KDSB is working with the Northwestern Health Unit to put the best plan in place for the health of all who access child care services,” says Henry Wall, Chief Administrative Officer of the KDSB.

The KDSB will be working with individual child care operators to secure adequate personal protection equipment, implement enhanced screening protocols, and a COVID-19 response plan. Child care operators will not open until they have confidence that the best system is in place for children and families.

It will take time to resume Child Care Centre operations and EarlyON programs. The KDSB will issue public service announcements as child care operators begin to offer child care spaces and programming.

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