

Email response to Kids First from Premier of Saskatchewan Scott Moe- received March 20, 2020

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RE: Letter to PM, Premiers: Contagion: Close daycare venues ASAP

From [Minister ED](#)

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Cc [Office of the Premier](#)

Date Today 17:51

Good Afternoon,

Thank you for email regarding child care centres in the province of Saskatchewan. The Ministry of Education is working diligently with our partners in the Ministry of Health to ensure the best measures for the health and safety of the people of Saskatchewan.

The Government of Saskatchewan is re-purposing child care facilities in schools to provide child care services to support staff in health care and other employees who are delivering services related to the pandemic response, beginning Monday, March 23.

Priority for these spaces will be given to staff in health care and other pandemic response workers for infant, toddler, preschool or school age children, that require care as those individuals continue to provide support in the response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

For a more information including the list of essential workers please visit:

<https://www.saskatchewan.ca/government/health-care-administration-and-provider-resources/treatment-procedures-and-guidelines/emerging-public-health-issues/2019-novel-coronavirus/information-for-health-care-providers/information-for-workers-associated-with-the-pandemic-response-who-need-child-care>

Child care centres not located in schools are able to continue to operate as normal, and government funding will continue to be provided. Any changes regarding closures will be based on the advice of the Chief Medical Officer of Saskatchewan.

We are aware of the recent measure to reduce the number of children in child care to eight per room. We are working to understand the specifics of this measure more fully so that we can provide guidance as to how to proceed. This applies to all licensed child care centres and homes including those who have offered to provide services for workers associated with responding to the pandemic. Further information will be provided once available. Thanks for your patience during this unprecedented and ever-changing time.

As we move forward through these unprecedented times, we will continue to work with our partners in health and continue to listen to the recommendations of the Chief Medical Officer of Saskatchewan to ensure the best measures are in place for the health and safety of the people of Saskatchewan.

Regards

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Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 2:13 PM

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Subject: RE: Letter to PM, Premiers: Contagion: Close daycare venues ASAP

Good afternoon,

On behalf of Premier Scott Moe, thank you for your email regarding COVID-19. We understand your concern and would like to assure you that appropriate measures are being taken. Further measures continue to be considered for implementation at a later date as the situation evolves. You are encouraged to refer to [www.saskatchewan.ca/coronavirus](http://www.saskatchewan.ca/coronavirus) for the most up-to-date information from the province and the Public Health Agency of Canada.

To better assist you, your email is being referred to the office of the Minister of Education for response.

Thank you for writing.

Sylvie O'Callaghan

On behalf of Kelly Jackson, Director

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