



COUNTY OF WELLINGTON

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COUNTY TO OPEN MOUNT FOREST CHILD CARE AND LEARNING CENTRE TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL EMERGENCY CHILD CARE SPACES

WELLINGTON COUNTY, ON - The County of Wellington will re-open its Mount Forest Child Care and Learning Centre to provide additional emergency child care spaces on Tuesday, May 19. A total of 15 spaces will be available for children up to 12 years of age.

The County continues to work in partnership with the Ministry of Education to support health care and other frontline workers in Guelph and Wellington by providing access to licensed child care at no cost during the COVID-19 pandemic.

“Emergency child care spaces are reserved exclusively for children of eligible workers identified by the Government of Ontario who have no other alternatives,” said Luisa Artuso, Director of the County’s Children’s Early Years Division. “To date, the County has been able to provide this important service for 80 children and support families who are providing critical services in our community.”

All current child care policies and requirements set out in the *Child Care and Early Years Act, 2014*, will apply to licensed child care settings providing emergency child care services. The County has worked with Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Public Health to develop policies and procedures that will be required in the operation of approved emergency licensed child care settings to help limit the spread of the COVID-19 virus.

The County’s Children’s Early Years Division is continuing its recruitment for child care providers to offer care in the homes of the essential workers. For more information, parents and providers are asked to visit www.wellington.ca/emergencychildcare.

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