

COVID-19 Update

Child Care Operators/Providers/Partners

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May is Child Care Month in BC!

The Government of British Columbia understands the vital role that [early learning and child care professionals](#) have in our lives every day, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Thank you for making sure essential workers have the care they need, so they can provide the services people need to stay home and stay safe!



The virtual town hall was organized by News 1130 and City News in Vancouver, and live streamed on Facebook. The [full video can be viewed here](#).

Cleaning Supplies

We recognize that child care sites have been working to secure cleaning supplies, and we want to help identify possible sources to assist you. Please see the list below and we will add to this as we become aware of additional product sources.

- The Province has authorized licensed breweries, wineries, and distilleries to manufacture and/or package alcohol-based sanitizer and hand sanitizer until July 15, 2020. Child care operators are encouraged to contact local companies to check availability in their communities.
- Bunzl Cleaning Supplies and Equipment distributes cleaning and hygiene products across BC with eleven branches throughout the province. Bunzl has developed start-up and refill cleaning kits for child care centres. These kits include both cleaners and paper products. For more information, please contact Leslie Lowe (a former child care provider) at Leslie.Lowe@bunzlch.ca.
- Access Pacific Enterprises in Richmond is a factory direct supplier of various products, including hand sanitizer. For more information please contact Jessica Nguyen at jessica@accesspacific.ca.

BC's Restart Plan

Premier John Horgan provided a series of steps for loosening the current restrictions on daily life for the gradual reopening of BC during a media session on May 6. We will be sharing more information on how we will support child care during the restart as soon as possible. [Click here](#) to learn more.

The Ministry of Health and the Office of the Public Health Officer are also updating guidelines for the safe operation of child care facilities during the COVID-19 pandemic. These guidelines will be available on our website in the near future.

COVID Questions from Kids

Provincial Health Officer Dr. Bonnie Henry has spent much of her time answering questions about the pandemic from members of the media, and she recently took a break to answer some questions asked by children.

"Since I live with my grandmother, what are some things I can do to keep her safe?

*- Penelope, age 10,
from Vancouver*

Useful Links

- [Temporary Emergency Fund](#)
- [Information for Child Care Providers](#)
- [Provincial and Federal Benefits](#)
- [Cleaning and Disinfecting for Public Settings](#)