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Dear MCRC Families,

As you may be aware, the provincial government announced yesterday that licensed childcare programs in Ontario may be permitted to reopen as part of stage 2 in the overall re-opening of the province. It was also indicated that when permitted to open, childcare programs will do so with strict protocols and guidelines in place to protect the health and safety of children and staff. However, the announcement did not include a specific date as to when stage 2 will be implemented. We were also informed yesterday by the Ministry of Education that the emergency order closing all licensed childcare programs has been extended until May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

We have received many questions from parents regarding when our centres will be open, and what the specific protocols and guidelines will be. Unfortunately, at this time, we have not been given any further information regarding potential opening dates, or the specifics of the new guidelines and protocols.

We hope you and your families have been doing well during this period of social distancing, and we look forward to welcoming you back into our programs. As we receive updates on the re-opening of childcare, we will continue to keep you informed and updated. Don't forget, you can find the latest MCRC COVID information on our website at <https://mcrcc.on.ca/covid19/>

We are invested in your family's well-being and want our community to be reminded that we are strongest when we work together. Please do not hesitate to reach out to us if you or your family require any support during this time.

Sincerely,

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