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Date : May 19, 2020
To : All personnel working in district offices or school offices
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Subject : **Bulletin #18: Reopening of daycares (COVID-19)**

As part of [moving to phase 2 \(orange\)](#) of the provincial recovery plan, the government announced that:

- non-regulated child care providers may open as of last Friday but must adhere to Public Health guidelines, including having an operational plan; and
- early learning and child care centres regulated by the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development are permitted to reopen as of **May 19**.

Reopening childcare services is an important component of the plan to gradually reopen the economy, allowing parents to return to their workplaces. In order to enable the returns to work, you will see in this [guidance document](#) for early learning and childcare facilities that private babysitting is also an acceptable option for parents.

Employees who work in district offices or offices located in the schools will be receiving communications from superintendents during the coming weeks around the process of returning to the workplace.

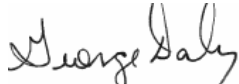
We ask that managers confirm with all their employees with pre-school or school-aged children the re-opening date for their childcare services (or babysitting arrangements). This date will correspond to their date of return to the workplace, i.e. ending the working-from-home arrangement or the exceptional measure providing paid leave to employees with children who cannot work from home.

Employees with an underlying health condition as defined by the [Public Health Agency of Canada](#), or are part of a vulnerable population segment, or live with a member of a vulnerable population segment, can continue to work from home, where applicable. As an exception, if you have a medical note from a primary care provider stating your inability to work, please inform your manager and use your sick leave benefits as provided. In all cases, please work with your manager to determine suitable arrangements based on your individual circumstances.

We look forward to welcoming you back to your regular workplace and working together as we move forward to support New Brunswickers.

Keep safe and well and continue to stay informed by checking GNB's coronavirus [website](#) regularly for up to date information.

You can find additional COVID-19 related resources [here](#).



George Daley
Deputy Minister