



## Emergency Child Care for Essential Service Workers

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The City of Richmond; Richmond Cares, Richmond Gives; Richmond Child Care Resource and Referral; Vancouver Coastal Health and the Richmond School District are working together to identify licensed child care spaces in Richmond that will be available to essential service workers during the COVID-19 pandemic. Parents who are able to, have been asked to care for their children at home and child care providers have been asked to prioritize spaces for essential service workers for the duration of the pandemic.

Information is currently being gathered regarding the child care facilities in Richmond who remain open and will be accepting new registrations for children of essential service workers for temporary child care for the duration of the pandemic.

Families who enrol in these spaces will:

- work in essential service roles,
- be unable to care for their children at home,
- register directly with the child care operator,
- will pay child care fees directly to the operator,
- have access to the Affordable Child Care Benefit (if eligible) and Child Care Fee Reduction. Information on ACCB eligibility is available on the Ministry for Child and Family Development website.

Families who work in essential services and have an existing child care space should contact their child care facility directly regarding emergency child care services for essential workers during the pandemic.

Information regarding access to these spaces will be made available on the Richmond Child Care Resource and Referral website at <https://rcrg.org/WhatWeDo/RCRGPrograms/child-care-resource-referral-centre>.