

# COVID-19 Update

## Child Care Operators/Providers/Partners

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### Updated Guidance includes Practicum Students

The BC Centre for Disease Control recently updated their [guidance for Child Care Settings](#) to clarify that ECE practicum students are welcome in child care settings. See this update on page six of the guidance document and view all of the latest information on our [Child Care Health and Safety](#) pages.

### Virtual Learning for Child Care Professionals

A new online learning hub is giving thousands of early care and learning (ECL) professionals an opportunity to take courses virtually at a time, pace and place that is convenient for them.

The [BC Early Years Professional Development Hub](#) is a shared platform where ECL professionals at any stage of their career can come together in virtual discussion forums, learn from each other and take courses from a distance.



### Pedagogy Website Launched

The [Early Childhood Pedagogy Network](#) (ECPN) is officially live. The ECPN creates spaces for vibrant public conversations about pedagogical projects and processes that matter to early childhood communities in British Columbia. Please note some sections of the website are still under development, but you can [subscribe](#) to receive updates and keep up-to-date.

### Introducing the Early Learning Framework

This online course was created for educators, families, and anyone who works or spends time with children from 0-8. It reflects the key concepts of the [B.C. Early Learning Framework](#) (2019) with examples of what this looks like in practice, and it is divided into modules that include topics such as 'Rethinking Learning and Practice', 'Well-being and Belonging', and 'Identities, Social Responsibility, and Diversity'.

There are three parts of the final assessment that provide a set number of professional development hours. Completion of the course will earn you eight hours of professional learning credits.

### New Spaces Fund

The second intake application window for the [New Spaces Fund](#) is now open until November 1, 2020. Key changes will be priority for projects with a provincially funded cost per space under \$40,000 to ensure the fund creates as many spaces in as many communities as possible, with an increased focus on project linkage to a community child care plan or needs assessment. Decisions on this second intake will be made in February 2021.

Those who applied during the first intake will be notified of adjudication outcomes in the fall.

#### Useful Links

- [Guidance for Child Care Settings](#)
- [Temporary Emergency Funding Guidelines](#)
- [Information for Child Care Providers](#)
- [MCFD Response to Covid-19](#)
- [BC COVID-19 Symptom Self-Assessment Tool](#)