

To: Child Care Providers,

As Alberta moves into Stage 2 of relaunch, updated guidance for child care providers has been released and is available on [Alberta Biz Connect](#).

The guidance document contains new pieces of information and instructions. These updates are meant to keep centres safe and healthy for children as more families access child care during the second phase of the relaunch. They include:

- The maximum cohort group size will be increased from 10 (from Stage 1) to 30 including staff and children.
- Child care programs will be allowed to separate cohort groups using non-permeable physical dividers that are at least two metres tall and two metres apart. This will allow programs that have an open floor plan the ability to install dividers to limit the risk of transmission of COVID-19.
- Requirements related to health screening, cleaning, disinfecting and safe on-site practices will remain in place.
- To support home-based child care providers and reduce of the risk of transmission in these programs, guidance for approved family day homes and group family child care programs is now available on alberta.ca/bizconnect.

I want to thank you for your hard work and flexibility as the guidance and direction from health officials continues to evolve during the relaunch. I appreciate everything you are doing to ensure your centre and staff are doing to keep Alberta's children and families safe through the COVID-19 pandemic. I know many of you have not yet reopened but I hope these guidelines will help you do that.

As always, if you have any questions about the guidance, please contact your licensing officer and I look forward to talking to you again soon.

Sincerely,

Rebecca Schulz
Minister of Children's Services