



Reactivation Prioritization Family Policy

As the YMCA of Oakville child care centres re-open under Ontario's Reactivation plan, there will be reduced capacity in each centre. Children will be placed in cohorts of no more than 15, including staff. The YMCA will use the following criteria to plan the return of children to the centre.

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Full Time Status

Families who were full time at the point of closure in March and wish to continue with full time care receive priority over part time families. Schedule change requests can be submitted however many not be guaranteed.

Parent/Guardians Working or in School

Families where all parents/guardians are working or in school will receive priority.

Prioritization

Spaces will be filled according to the order of the sequential priority list:

1. Returning YMCA children served through Emergency Child Care
2. YMCA Staff working in Essential Services
3. Families where all parents/guardians are Essential Health Care Workers
4. Families where all parents/guardians are Essential Workers
5. Families where all parents/guardians must return to work or school outside of the home
6. Families with Special Circumstances that would benefit from returning to care, such as children with special needs
7. Families where parents/guardians work or school inside the home
8. Socialization

Duration of Care

If, after the first three principles are applied and there are still more families that wish to return to child care than there are spaces, then families will be prioritized based on those that have been in care the longest.

Future Start Dates: As per the Ministry of Education Guidelines, spaces will be held for families who do not need to return to care yet or who do not have a space in the initial reactivation of the centre. As Ministry increases our capacity, we will use the principles above to bring more families back to the centre.

Requests to Change Care: Families should submit any changes to their care needs to their supervisor. As we are required to hold spaces at this time for all families registered at the time of closure, we will only be able to assess requests for changes once capacities have been expanded by the Province; full time takes priority over part time. Families who have restarted on a full time basis who wish to change to part time will be offered the first right of refusal should there be a full time family waiting to return to care.

New Enrollment: New families will be placed on a waiting list and will be contacted once a space becomes available. There is no fee for a family to be placed on a waiting list.