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Schools	<p>The following approach will apply to publicly-funded and private elementary and secondary learning, with the exception of First Nation and federally-operated schools:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elementary and secondary school students at publicly-funded schools would participate in remote learning from January 4-January 8, 2021. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Publicly-funded schools and private schools in Northern public health regions would be permitted to resume in-person instruction on January 11, 2021 for both elementary and secondary schools ○ For publicly-funded schools and private schools in all other PHU regions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Elementary school students would return to in person learning on January 11, 2021 ▪ Secondary school students would continue learning remotely until January 25, 2021 and resume in-person learning on that date • During the applicable period, schools will be closed, except for the following exceptions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ For staff who are unable to deliver quality remote teaching, instruction or support to students from home ○ To provide access for child care centers in schools
Child care	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child care will remain open for the duration of the Provincewide Shutdown period. This includes child care offered in licensed centres, in home-based settings (licensed and unlicensed) and by authorized recreation and skill-building providers • During the period where elementary schools are operating virtually (i.e., from January 4 to 8, inclusive), licensed child care centres and authorized recreation and skill-building providers will be prohibited from serving school-aged children. All before and after school programs are being closed during this one-week period. These programs may resume operation when elementary schools return to in-person learning on January 11, 2021 • To support the parents of school-aged children who may not be able to accommodate their child’s learning/care at home, the Ministry of Education will be implementing a targeted emergency child care program for school-aged children, at no cost to eligible parents. Please refer to Appendix B for a list of eligible workers • Operators of before and after school programs that are required to close from January 4-8, 2021 are prohibited from charging fees or otherwise penalizing parents during this time period (e.g., parents must not lose their respective child care spaces)