

# COVID-19 NOVEL CORONAVIRUS

**Manitoba Families  
Early Learning and Child Care**

## **EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATOR HOME BASED PROGRAM - TEMPORARY CHILD CARE SERVICE GRANT**

### **QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**

#### **1. How do I apply to provide child care under this new grant program?**

- To expedite service, complete and submit the Temporary Child Care Service Grant Application online at: <https://forms.gov.mb.ca/temporary-child-care-service-grant/>

#### **2. How do I know if I am eligible?**

- If you will operate out of your home, you can have no more than four children in your care. This includes your children and the children you are caring for who are under the ages of 12 years. Only two of the four children can be under the age of two years.

#### **3. I can care for more than four children. What do I need to do in order to receive a start-up grant?**

- To care for eight or less children you may apply for temporary authorization to operate out of your home (family child care groupings of 5 preschool – which includes up to 3 infants, and 3 school age children).
- If wanting to care for up to 16 children, you may use space in an existing centre or nursery school not operating at this time. To care for more than 8 children, a minimum of two ECE II/IIIs is required.
- You can create an arrangement to utilize a community-space such as a school, local community organization, or a business. The Early Learning and Child Care Program may be able to connect you with a community partner who is willing to make space available.

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- Providers must have existing cleared criminal records and child abuse registry checks in place.
- Insurance will be required for either type care (home-based or centre-based).
- Manitoba Early Learning and Child Care will assist approved providers with fast tracking the licensing process as much as possible.

#### **4. If I participate in this grant program, how much financial assistance am I eligible to receive? How much can I charge for providing child care?**

- Childcare providers will be eligible to receive a grant of up to \$3000.00.
- Childcare providers may charge centre rates for both home-based or centre care. Regular child care rates will apply to the provision of child care under this program. For infants, this means a daily maximum rate of \$30.00 for infant, \$20.80 for pre-school, and \$20.80 for school-aged children.

#### **5. How do I identify families that may have children that need care?**

- Children of health care workers will receive priority under this grant program, as well as first responders / law enforcement and front-line social services and child protection workers. The Early Learning and Child Care Program can assist you in finding eligible families in your area.

#### **6. What date is all of this effective? How long will this new program last?**

- This program is intended to support families during the COVID-19 pandemic in Manitoba by supporting Early Childhood Educators willing to offer creative solutions for front-line workers.

#### **7. Who do I contact for more information?**

- You can contact the Manitoba Early Learning and Child Care Program at [ecegrant@gov.mb.ca](mailto:ecegrant@gov.mb.ca) or at [www.gov.mb.ca/fs/childcare](http://www.gov.mb.ca/fs/childcare)
- More information is also available at: [www.gov.mb.ca/covid19/infomanitobans](http://www.gov.mb.ca/covid19/infomanitobans)