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**TO:** Consolidated Municipal Service Managers and District  
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Nations with Child Care Agreements, Licensed Child Care  
Programs and Licensed Child Care Administrators

**FROM:** Shannon Fuller  
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**DATE:** May 6, 2020

**SUBJECT:** Extension of Emergency Orders

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I would like to acknowledge your sustained commitment to the health and well-being of Ontario families and to our vital child care sector during the COVID-19 outbreak. Your patience is greatly appreciated, and your ongoing partnership has been crucial during these challenging times.

Based on the advice of our Chief Medical Officer of Health and other leading public health officials, the Emergency Order closing licensed child care centres and all facilities providing indoor recreational programs, including EarlyON Child and Family Centres, has been extended until **May 19, 2020**. The emergency order to immediately prohibit organized public events and social gatherings of more than five people has also been extended to **May 19, 2020**.

The orders do not apply to those licensed child care centres approved to provide emergency care for health care and other eligible frontline workers. Additionally, the two orders do not apply to home-based child care (licensed and unlicensed).

As the COVID-19 outbreak in Ontario continues to evolve, we are committed to keeping you informed and keeping everyone safe. Thank you again for your flexibility and continued collaboration.

Sincerely,

Shannon Fuller