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The Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board will open its second Emergency Child Care centre, this one located in Espanola, to support health care and frontline workers as they continue to provide important services to our community.

This emergency child-care centre is a result of funding and direction by the Province of Ontario and will open on Monday June 8th, 2020 at Sacred Heart Daycare, a program of Our Children Our Future/Nos enfants, nortre avenir, located at Sacred Heart Catholic School.

This no-cost emergency child-care service is reserved exclusively for children of essential and critical service workers, as identified by the Province of Ontario, who do not have the ability to work from home and have no other alternatives. The list can be found here:

https://www.ontario.ca/page/child-care-health-care-and-frontline-staff

As a limited number of spots are available at this time, priority will be given to those in the frontline health-care field to ensure the critical medical needs of the community can be met during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Emergency child care is available at no cost for children ages birth to 12 years. Services will operate Monday to Friday, 6:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

The Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB continues to work with existing providers in the community to open additional facilities to support essential and critical service workers who may need access to child care.

For more information on emergency child care including locations, eligibility, application and screening process, visit <u>https://www.msdsb.net/83-integrated-services/childrens-services/412-emergency-child-care</u>.