

## Dear Mayor de Blasio

Please open up the NYC-DOHMH regulated Article 47 and 43 childcare

Parents need a safe place to leave their children  
so they can go back to work

- ▶ Detailed guidelines for the safe operation of childcare programs from the New York State Department of Health, US Center for Disease Control (CDC) and the American Academy of Pediatrics have already been issued.
- ▶ The Reopening Phase 2 for NYC began on June 22. How do you expect parents to go to back to work if they can't find affordable and safe childcare. There are also thousands of stressed out families, some at risk of falling apart, that can be helped with outside of the home childcare.
- ▶ Since all schools closed in mid-March, the New York City Department of Education Regional Education Program (REC) program has been providing full day childcare to over 10,000 children of essential workers at 170 schools and childcare centers. During this entire time, there have been no reported of Coronavirus outbreaks or clusters.
- ▶ The rest of New York State and neighboring states have all reopened their regulated childcare centers to any family in need.

State	Child Care Date Reopened	Current Enrollment Restrictions
Massachusetts	June 8	None. Open to anyone in need of childcare
New Jersey	June 15	None. Open to anyone in need of childcare
Rhode Island	June 1	None. Open to anyone in need of childcare
Connecticut	Never closed	None. Open to anyone in need of childcare
Rest of New York State	Never closed	None. Open to anyone in need of childcare
New York City	Still closed	Only "essential workers" based on April 5 order.

Sources: <https://www.mass.gov/news/baker-polito-administration-releases-detailed-guidelines-for-the-phased-reopening-of-child>  
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