

**DSD has put out an important notice on “Preparation and Planning
for the Re-Opening of ECD Centres/Programmes”
(which includes unregistered ECD centres).**

Please ensure you read the full circular -

(https://www.gov.za/sites/default/files/gcis_documents/ecds-preparation.pdf) but here are the key points:

1. ECD centres/programmes may NOT re-open until the Minister of DSD announces a date and the conditions of re-opening.
2. ECD centre/programme staff MAY return to their workplace to prepare for re-opening (subject to the regulations stipulated in 3.1 - 3.4 of pg 2).
3. DSD will be releasing “Standard operating procedures and guidelines for ECD programmes and partial care facilities on COVID-19” which will be available from 23 June 2020. We will share this ASAP.
4. Once these procedures and guidelines are in place at your centre/programme, you need to complete a “Self-Assessment Form” that needs to be submitted online (<https://forms.gle/c7y8ZL5W94diuqTS6>) or in paper copy to the nearest local/service/district office of the provincial DSD or the social service organisations rendering partial care services in your area, within two weeks after the date of this Circular. Do not complete the form unless you have completed all the prescribed preparations.
5. NB: The completion and submission of this form does not mean that you can re-open the ECD centre/programme. It may only be re-opened when the Minister of Social Development has announced a date for the re-opening and if you meet all the requirements (sections 4.1 and 4.2).