

Phased Re-Opening of Services: Provider Survey **Department of Children and Youth Affairs**

The Government Roadmap for Reopening Society and Business sets out Ireland's plan for lifting COVID-19 restrictions. Plans for the phased re-opening of early learning and care and school-age childcare services are being guided by this Roadmap:

- Phase 3 (29 June), opening of crèches, childminders and pre-schools for children of essential workers in a phased manner with social distancing and other requirements applying.
- Phase 4 (20 July), opening of crèches, childminders and pre-schools for children of all other workers on a gradually increasing phased basis and slowly increasing thereafter.

Plans for re-opening will also be underpinned by the Government's Return to Work Safely Protocol, expert advice, available evidence and consultation with early learning and care and school-age childcare stakeholder representatives, providers and practitioners themselves. An Advisory Group, chaired by the Minister, has been established.

In order to inform this work, a series of surveys will be administered to parents, providers and practitioners over the coming weeks along with a call for submissions.

This survey looks at providers who usually close in July and/or August and at providers who usually remain open during this period.

The data from this survey will provide critical information to the Department of Children and Youth Affairs in developing and costing plans for re-opening services. Your participation in this survey is strongly encouraged and appreciated.

SCREENING QUESTION

Q1. Is your service usually closed in July or August? SINGLE CODE

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| Yes | 1. Continue to Q2a |
| No | 2. Continue to Q2b |

SERVICE DETAILS

Q2a. Before COVID-19, when would your service have re-opened after the Summer closure period?

DD/MM

Q2b. What is the usual operating times of your service? NUMERIC

From HH/MM to HH/MM

Q3. What services do you offer? PROBE TO PRECODES. MULTI CODE.

- | | |
|---------------------------------------|----|
| Early years services | 1. |
| School-age services (in term) | 2. |
| School-age services (out of term) ... | 3. |

FOR EACH SERVICE AT Q3, ASK:

Q3a. And for these services, do you provide. PROBE TO PRECODES. MULTI CODE.

- Drop in? 1.
- Breakfast club? 2.
- Half Session? 3.
- Session am? 4.
- Session pm? 5.
- Part Time? 6.
- Full Day? 7.

Q4. Does your service offer transport? SINGLE CODE

- Yes 1.
- No 2.

ROOMS

Q5. How many rooms are available in your service for the provision of early learning and/or care and school-age childcare? SINGLE CODE

- 1 room..... 1.
- 2 rooms 2.
- 3 rooms..... 3.
- 4 rooms 4.
- 5 rooms..... 5.
- 6 rooms 6.
- 7 rooms..... 7.
- 8 rooms 8.
- 9 rooms..... 9.
- 10 rooms 10.
- 11 rooms..... 11.
- 12 rooms 12.
- 13 rooms..... 13.
- 14 rooms 14.
- 15 rooms..... 15

FOR EACH ROOM AT Q5, ASK:

Q5a. What size in metres squared is [ROOM 1]? NUMERIC

___ metres squared

Q5b. Before the closure of your service in March due to COVID-19, what was the maximum number of children in [ROOM 1] at any one time on a typical day? NUMERIC

___ children

Q5c. Before the closure of your service in March due to COVID-19, what was the typical age group of children in [ROOM 1]? PROBE TO PRECODES. SINGLE CODE.

- Pre-ECCE age..... 1.
- ECCE age 2.
- School-age..... 3.
- Combination..... 4.

Q5d. Before the closure of your service in March due to COVID-19, what was the maximum number of staff in [ROOM 1] at any one time on a typical day? NUMERIC

___ staff

Q5e. Does [ROOM 1] have a sink in the room or in an adjoining room? SINGLE CODE.

- Yes 1.
- No 2.
- Don't know 3.

Q5f. Does [ROOM 1] have an adjoining room with a child's toilet? SINGLE CODE.

- Yes 1.
- No 2.
- Don't know 3.

Q5g. Does [ROOM 1] have an adjoining room with changing facilities? SINGLE CODE.

- Yes 1.
- No 2.
- Don't know 3.

Q5h. Does [ROOM 1] have direct access to the outdoors? SINGLE CODE.

- Yes 1.
- No 2.
- Don't know 3.

Q6. How many other rooms are available in your service that can be used for another purpose, for children, staff facilities, staff storage areas, etc? NUMERIC

___ other rooms

ENTRANCES

Q7. How many entrances are there to your service that could be used for dropping off/ picking up children? NUMERIC

___ entrances

OUTDOOR AREA

Q8. Does your service have an outdoor area? SINGLE CODE.

- Yes 1.
- No 2.

IF THE SERVICE HAS AN OUTDOOR AREA, ASK Q8a

Q8a. And what is size is the outdoor area in metres squared? NUMERIC

___ metres squared

STAFF

Q9. Before the closure of your service in March due to COVID-19, how many staff were employed in your service? NUMERIC

- ___ staff working directly with children
- ___ ancillary staff

FOR EACH STAFF MEMBER AT Q9 IN SERVICES USUALLY CLOSED IN JULY/AUGUST, ASK:

Q9a. How many hours per week did (STAFF MEMBER 1) usually work? NUMERIC

___ hours per week

FOR EACH STAFF MEMBER AT Q9 IN SERVICES USUALLY OPEN IN JULY/ AUGUST, ASK:

Q9a. Before the closure of your service in March due to COVID-19, how many hours per week would (STAFF MEMBER 1) have been expected to work in July and August? NUMERIC

___ hours per week

Q9b. Will [STAFF MEMBER 1] be available for work from 29 June? PROBE TO PRECODES. SINGLE CODE

- Yes 1.
- No 2.
- Maybe 3.
- Don't know 4.

Q9c. If no, do you know main the reason why [STAFF MEMBER 1] is not available? PROBE TO PRECODES. SINGLE CODE

- Staff member does not ordinarily work in July and August..... 1.
- Staff member has their own childcare needs 2.
- Staff member is moving to another service..... 3.
- Staff member has left the sector..... 4.
- Staff member is not currently in Ireland 5.

Staff member has COVID-19 related concerns.....	6.
Staff member or a member of their household has health issues	7.
Unknown	8.
Other (please specify).....	10.

AVAILABLE AND FILLED PLACES

FOR SERVICES USUALLY CLOSED IN JULY/AUGUST

Q10. Before the closure of your service in March due to COVID-19, how many places were available in your service (places available include filled places and vacancies)? NUMERIC

- ___ full time places
- ___ part time places
- ___ sessional places

Q11. Before the closure of your service in March due to COVID-19, how many places were filled in your service? NUMERIC

- ___ full time places filled
- ___ part time places filled
- ___ Sessional places filled

Q12. To the best of your knowledge, how many children attending your service prior to closure in March have parents that are classified as essential workers? NUMERIC

___ children

FOR SERVICES USUALLY OPEN IN JULY/AUGUST

Q10. Before the closure of your service in March due to COVID-19, how many places would you have had available in July and August (places available include filled places and vacancies)? NUMERIC

- ___ full time places
- ___ part time places
- ___ sessional places

Q11. Before the closure of your service in March due to COVID-19, how many places would you have expected to fill in July and August? NUMERIC

- ___ full time places expected to be filled
- ___ part time places expected to be filled
- ___ sessional places expected to be filled

Q12. To the best of your knowledge, how many children attending your service prior to closure in March have parents that are classified as essential workers? NUMERIC

___ children

RE-OPENING

Q13. Subject to availability of funding and public health guidance, are you planning on re-opening your service? PROBE TO PRECODE. SINGLE CODE

- Yes 1. (go to Q13a)
- No 2. (go to Q13b)
- Maybe 3. (go to Q13b)
- Don't know 4. (go to Q13b)

IF THE SERVICE PLANS ON RE-OPENING, ASK Q13a.

Q13a. And when are you planning on re-opening your service?

- 29 June (in line with Phase 3 of the Framework for Reopening Business and Society) 1
- 20 July (in line with Phase 4 of the Framework for Reopening Business and Society) 2
- September 3
- Other (please specify D/MM)..... 4

IF THE SERVICE IS NOT PLANNING ON RE-OPENING OR IS UNDECIDED, ASK Q13b.

Q13.b If you are not planning on re-opening your service or you are undecided, please give details? (go to Q14)

FOR SERVICES USUALLY CLOSED IN JULY/AUGUST

Q14. Subject to availability of funding and public health guidance, would you consider re-opening your service earlier than usual? PROBE TO PRECODE. SINGLE CODE

- Yes 1. (go to Q14a)
- No 2. (go to Q 15)
- Maybe 3. (go to Q14a)
- Don't know 4. (go to Q15)

IF THE SERVICE WOULD CONSIDER RE-OPENING EARLIER THAN USUAL, ASK Q14a-Q14e.

Q14a. When would you consider re-opening your service?

- 29 June (in line with Phase 3 of the Framework for Reopening Business and Society) 1
- 20 July (in line with Phase 4 of the Framework for Reopening Business and Society) 2
- Other (please specify DD/MM) 3

Q14b. And what are the maximum hours could your service operate on re-opening, if you re-open earlier than usual? NUMERIC

From HH/MM to HH/MM

Q14c. Can you restate the number of staff employed in your service before the closure of your service in March due to COVID-19? NUMERIC

___ staff working directly with children
___ ancillary staff

FOR EACH STAFF MEMBER AT Q14c, ASK Q14d-Q14f.

Q14d. Will [STAFF MEMBER 1] be available for work in your service if you re-open earlier than usual? PROBE TO PRECODES. SINGLE CODE

Yes	1. (go to Q14e)
No	2. (go to Q14f)
Maybe	3. (go to Q15)
Don't know	4. (go to Q15)

Q14e. How many hours per week would (STAFF MEMBER 1) be available to work if you re-open earlier than usual? NUMERIC

___ hours per week

Q14f. If no, do you know the main reason why [STAFF MEMBER 1] would not be available? PROBE TO PRECODES. SINGLE CODE

Staff member does not ordinarily work in July and August.....	1.
Staff member has their own childcare needs	2.
Staff member is moving to another service.....	3.
Staff member has left the sector.....	4.
Staff member is not currently in Ireland	5.
Staff member has COVID-19 related concerns.....	6.
Staff member or a member of their household has health issues	7.
Unknown	8.
Other (please specify).....	9.

COMMENTS

Q15. Are there any other comments you would like to make on the phased re-opening of early learning and care and/or school-age childcare (in 100 words or less)?

Thank you for your assistance with completing this survey. This information will assist the Department in developing and costing proposals for the phased re-opening of early learning and care and school-age childcare services.

A separate call for submissions on the phased re-opening of early learning and care and school-age childcare services will be open from 26 May - 5 June 2020. You and your staff are strongly encouraged to also participate in this.