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**STATEMENT FROM HEALTH COMMISSIONER DR. OXIRIS BARBOT ON THE
BOARD OF HEALTH RESOLUTION TO REOPEN CHILDCARE CENTERS**

“As New York City continues to reopen, more parents will need child care. This decision is rooted in health as well as equity. Data show that white and wealthy parents are more likely to have job flexibility or to hire independent caregivers, while these options may not be the same for Black, Brown and low-income families. We don’t want any New Yorker to have to choose informal or illegal child care; every child deserves a safe place where they can learn and grow. To support child care programs, the Health Department has developed tools for implementing new safety protocols, will provide technical assistance, and will host a series of webinars to review the COVID-19 mitigation requirements and answer questions.”

For additional information:

- [Checklist for Child Care Program Guidelines](#) (PDF)
- [Reopening New York City: Frequently Asked Questions What Child Care Programs Need to Know](#) (PDF)

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