

# Child Care During the Corona Crisis

The Office of Early Childhood is in close talks with the Governor, the Department of Public Health (DPH) and the state's Emergency Operation Center. We are monitoring closely and will continue to communicate with you. These are unprecedented times. Child Care is a critical part of our infrastructure.

## 1 | Child Care Makes People Care Possible

Our communities rely on child care providers to support families, including those who play important roles during a crisis—such as first responders, medical professionals, and public service workers. We are grateful to our child care providers for their continued and increased efforts during this unprecedented time.

## 2 | It Takes a Village!

For parents who need to work, safe child care is essential. Look to trusted friends, neighbors, and family members who are not in a high-risk category to fill in care for children. When looking for support, remember to ask the following questions:

- ◆ Have you traveled to a country that the CDC has issued a Level 2 or 3 travel designation in the last 14 days?
- ◆ Have you had contact with anyone under investigation for COVID-19 in the last 14 days, or with anyone known to have COVID-19?
- ◆ Do you have any symptoms of a respiratory infection (e.g. cough, sore throat, fever, or shortness of breath)?

## 3 | Keep Communication Open!

Tell your child care provider if your child will not be attending. This may open up temporary spaces for those in your community who need child care.

## 4 | Build Your Backup Plan!

For people without a backup child care plan, call 2-1-1 to find open and available spaces for care near your work or home.



# Together for Kids

## What Child Care Providers Are Doing

Child care providers truly care for children and want the best for your child. All licensed child care providers have implemented increased health care practices to prevent the spread of respiratory viruses. These practices include:



Taking temperatures when children arrive Routinely



sanitizing high touch surfaces



Frequent handwashing



Maintaining small groups only in one space



Covering their mouth with their sleeve or a tissue when coughing or sneezing



Avoiding touching their eyes, nose, or mouth with their hands



Ensuring anyone showing signs of sickness stays home

For more information and resources, visit [ct.gov/coronavirus](https://ct.gov/coronavirus). Or visit the CDC website [cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/index.html](https://cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/index.html) for links to tip sheets, posters on handwashing, and tips and guidance for families. All CDC guidance is updated as necessary to respond to this changing situation.

**We know these are trying times. We also know by working together, we will get through this together.**

