

## Child Care Information Sheet for COVID 19 Emergency and Essential Workers

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COVID 19 RESPONSE: **Child Care Information Sheet for Emergency Workers and Essential Workers**

According to Governor Walz's Emergency Executive Order, signed Sunday, March 15, the State of MN will be setting up hotlines to provide information specific to emergency child care for essential workers.

Here is a link to this Executive Order; please refer to item number 15 to view the language on child care: [https://mn.gov/governor/assets/EO%2020-02%20Final\\_tcm1055-423084.pdf](https://mn.gov/governor/assets/EO%2020-02%20Final_tcm1055-423084.pdf).

As of today, this hotline phone number has been established and is available for school and child care questions:

**Hotline: 651-297-1304**

**Occupational Titles: Emergency and Essential Workers**

A full listing of emergency and essential workers, by occupational titles, can be found here:

[https://education.mn.gov/mdeprod/idcplg?IdcService=GET\\_FILE&dDocName=MDE032076&RevisionSelectionMethod=latestReleased&Rendition=primary](https://education.mn.gov/mdeprod/idcplg?IdcService=GET_FILE&dDocName=MDE032076&RevisionSelectionMethod=latestReleased&Rendition=primary)

**Resources:**

**Parent Aware:**

Essential Workers are encouraged to contact **Parent Aware** via phone call.

Parent Aware is a nonprofit, statewide organization facilitating access to child care openings and resources. This organization is updating a complete list of child care providers in MN throughout the day, each day.

Phone calls are encouraged for the most accurate and up-to-date information. An on-line search function is also available, at the Parent Aware web site.

Language assistance is available in Spanish, Hmong and Somali.

**Contact Information:**

**Phone:**

1-888-291-9811

**Web Site:** Parentaware.org

Hours: Monday: Thursday, 7 a.m. – 6 p.m., Friday: 7 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

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### **YMCA of Minnesota:**

The YMCA is collaborating with local government and health officials to deliver school age care for children in kindergarten through sixth grade (K-6) for essential employees in 38 sites across the state of Minnesota. Starting Monday, March 23, the YMCA sites are open for school age care from 8:30 a.m. through 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Registration: First come, first served. To register, go to [ymcamn.org/mnchildcare](http://ymcamn.org/mnchildcare) or call 612-230-9622

### **Accessing MN School-Based Child Care Programming:**

Essential Workers may contact their area's school or school district to inquire re: child care in local schools. Availability, ages of children receiving care, etc. vary by location. Workers are encouraged to contact the facility they are most familiar with, as a starting point.

When reaching out to a school district, the following questions are recommended:

- Will I be charged/are there fees?
- What are the ages of children you are serving?
- What is your required documentation for my work status/work hours/occupation?

### **Information for Child Care Providers:**

**Licensed child care providers, both family and center-based, with current openings are encouraged to contact Parent Aware and/or the State of MN Department of Human Services to communicate this availability.**

- Email [dhs.child.care@state.mn.us](mailto:dhs.child.care@state.mn.us) or call 651-431-3809.
- Contact the Parent Aware program by looking up [Your Support Team](#) on the Parent Aware.org,
- Email Child Care Aware of Minnesota at [info@childcareawaremn.org](mailto:info@childcareawaremn.org), or call 888-291-9811.

### **Child Care Licensure:**

For information on how to become licensed as a child care provider in Minnesota, please e-mail [dhs.child.care@state.mn.us](mailto:dhs.child.care@state.mn.us) or call 651-431-3809.

### **MFIP and Basic Sliding Fee Child Care Assistance Program Recipients:**

For MFIP participants and those receiving Basic Sliding Fee Child Care Assistance Program, please contact your assigned worker.