

## Child Care Partner Update

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Family Connections – 541-917-4899

Essential workers can access care- Family Connections/Pollywog, 541-917-4884, 211, for in home care call TRI (at Western Oregon University) 1-800-342-6712

Most-up-to date information, [www.oregonearlylearning.com](http://www.oregonearlylearning.com)

Employment Related Day Care: Temporary COVID-19 Related Changes,  
<https://www.oregon.gov/DHS/ASSISTANCE/CHILD-CARE/Pages/ERDC-COVID19-Emergency.aspx>

# Emergency Child Care Guidance for School Districts

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TO: Superintendents, Principals and School District Child Care Contacts  
FROM: Governor's Office, Oregon Department of Education and Early Learning Division  
RE: Emergency Child Care Guidance for School Districts

Thank you for your ongoing leadership and support of your community in these extraordinary times. This message and [guidance](#) provides additional information regarding emergency child care provisions in Governor Brown's [Executive Order 20-08](#).

As of April 8, 2020, school districts are required to either maintain the existing emergency child care programs they have already opened, or be prepared to implement school-based emergency child care for kindergarten to 12-year old children within three business days if contacted by the Oregon Department of Education. The Oregon Department of Education (ODE) and Early Learning Division (ELD) have developed [comprehensive guidance](#) that will be updated regularly to support school districts in their planning and readiness process to open school-based emergency child care if directed. Additional resources will be made available on the [Oregon Department of Education website](#).

## Updated Emergency Child Care Directive

This memo supersedes the direction in previous communication by requiring the following:

1. School districts maintain the existing emergency child care programs they have already opened, or
2. School districts develop a plan to provide school-based emergency child care for kindergarten to 12-year old children, which can be implemented within three days of notification from the Oregon Department of Education.

All school districts need to be ready to contribute if called upon, either by standing up a child care program for school-age students of essential workers within three working days or by contributing school district personnel and/or facilities to support an existing child care program within their district or region.

The decision to require districts to develop a plan (and not immediately implement an emergency school-based child care site unless contacted first by ODE) is necessary for several reasons. First, school districts are being asked to provide a variety of services and supports across the K-12 system in unique, new, and/or unconventional ways. We recognize that not all school districts may have staff with the requisite experience or

expertise to provide high-quality birth to pre-k child care. Moreover, given the additional responsibilities for teachers to implement distance learning, districts will likely be challenged to identify staff with the relevant training and child development knowledge necessary to provide a safe, trauma-informed, and culturally-responsive school-aged child care setting.

Second, unless demand for emergency child care increases, the need for additional school-based emergency child care programs is low. Over 1,700 community-based, licensed child care providers remain open as emergency child care programs, with the ability to serve 9,500 additional children and families of essential workers in their communities.

Finally, it is important that in these uncertain times, we continue to support our licensed child care providers. Prior to this emergency, Oregon qualified as a child care desert, meaning the state lacks an adequate supply of affordable, accessible high-quality child care throughout the state. In response to the closure order, thousands of child care providers have already shuttered their programs, and are [unlikely to re-open after a closure](#) of two or more weeks. Therefore, this new directive is also intended to preserve as many child care programs as possible now and in the future.

## **Background and Timeline**

On March 17, 2020, the Governor issued [Executive Order 20-08](#), ordering that schools shall continue to receive allocations from the State School Fund as if they had actually been in session during the closure period. Continued allocations require districts and schools to provide “support for supplemental services and emergency management services, including but not limited to, the provision of child care for first responders, emergency workers, and other individuals, consistent with any guidance and requirements provided by the Oregon Department of Education,” as needs arise, in addition to other services.

On March 19, 2020, ODE and ELD issued a [joint memorandum](#) clarifying that school districts were required to provide emergency child care. This included a toolkit for districts and key considerations, including partner support, registration, and staffing.

On March 23, 2020, the Governor issued [Executive Order 20-12](#), ordering that licensed child care facilities close through April 28, 2020, unless approved by ELD as an emergency child care program that: 1) cares for 10 or fewer children in stable groups, and 2) prioritizes child care for first responders, emergency workers, and health care professionals, followed by critical operations staff and essential personnel. Pursuant to this Executive Order, ELD released [temporary changes](#) to child care rules and ODE began the process of identifying policy and program adjustments and guidance needed for school-aged care in response to the COVID-19 emergency.

On March 30, 2020, ODE issued guidance to implement [Distance Learning for All](#) in response to the likelihood of school closures through the end of the academic year. School districts are required to have their distance learning plans in place by April 13, 2020 to ensure students receive ongoing interaction with their teacher and maintain an educational pathway during this critical time.

As this work continues to evolve, school districts are being asked to provide services far outside their traditional operating scope. This memo outlines and highlights guidance for another critical component of the Governor’s Executive Memo related to the school closure period: emergency school-based child care.

## **Current Status of Emergency Child Care**

As of April 2, 2020, the ELD's Office of Child Care (OCC) has received over 2,000 emergency child care applications. So far, approximately 1,700 community-based providers have been approved by the OCC to date, for a total capacity of nearly 9,500 child care slots statewide. Most licensed emergency child care programs are reporting that they are not full and are accepting referrals for additional families.

ELD is working with partners, including Child Care Resource & Referral agencies, Early Learning Hubs, and child care associations to identify where additional emergency child care capacity is needed. ELD and the Oregon Office of Emergency Management (OEM) have partnered to deliver a [survey](#) to essential workers to capture the immediate child care needs across the state. Districts and their partners are welcome to share this survey with any essential workers to ensure as accurate an assessment of child care needs as possible.

While this policy shift aims to both support existing licensed child care providers and reduce implementation burden on school districts, ODE expects and will continue to provide ongoing opportunities for coordination and partnership through school-based emergency child care and support of distance learning for school-aged children in existing care settings. We must be able to rely on you to quickly operationalize school-based emergency child care programs if and when you are called upon. ODE will be following up with each of you to assess your readiness and provide any technical assistance related to planning and/or implementation in coordination with ELD.

The State of Oregon thanks you for continuing to work to support the health and safety of families.

# Oregon Child Care Provider Relief Guide.

## COVID-19 Emergency Financial Resources for Child Care Providers

Child care providers across Oregon are experiencing significant challenges and difficult decisions as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. To help providers remain in business through this uncertain time, the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) provides loans and grants to small businesses with fewer than 500 employees. *Nonprofit and for-profit child care providers (home and center-based) are eligible to apply for these funds.*

You may access a link to the Main Street Alliance's detailed "[Small Business Guide to COVID-19 Policies](#)" but we are first calling attention to one of the five main programs available, the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP). The PPP is *expected to be the most popular program for child care providers and other small businesses*. Given that PPP loans will be granted on a first-come, first-served basis and that there will not be enough for all eligible businesses, **it is important to move quickly if your organization is eligible and interested.**

## Paycheck Protection Program.

**The Paycheck Protection Program (PPP)** loans created in the CARES Act will be available through banks and credit unions that already participate in what is known as the Small Business Administration's (SBA) 7(a) program. Applications are expected to become available to lenders as soon as **Friday, April 3, 2020.**

The PPP allows forgiveness (up to 2.5x monthly payroll) of loan funds used to pay salaries of staff making less than \$100,000 per year, costs related to paid sick or family leave, health insurance benefits, retirement benefits, rent or mortgage, or utilities.

To apply for a PPP loan:

1. **Contact your bank or credit union TODAY** and ask if they participate in the 7(a) program.
  - Applications may be more likely to be approved by a lender who knows you, your organization and your banking history.
  - If your financial institution does not participate, ask them to connect you to a bank or credit union that does.
  - If you are not able to receive a direct referral from your bank or credit union, [click on this link to view the top 100 SBA 7\(a\) participating financial institutions.](#)
  - Note: The lender's fee is paid by the program and the lender or their agents may not collect any fees from you, the applicant.

2. You may expect to produce the following documentation during your application:
  - [Paycheck Protection Program Application Form](#) – Sample linked here
  - [SBA form 1919 & 1920](#)
  - 2019 IRS forms (tax return or 990) or 2018 forms if you haven't filed 2019 taxes
  - Complete end-of-year income, expense, and asset statements with payroll detail

## Other Programs.

In addition to the Paycheck Protection Program, there are four additional programs summarized below\*:

### Refundable Employee Retention Credit

- “Up to \$5,000/employee/month refundable tax credit for wages paid by businesses with significant gross receipt declined due to Covid-19”
- Section 2301 of the CARES Act (H.R. 748, “3<sup>rd</sup> Relief Bill”)
- [Administered by the IRS](#)
- Cannot be combined with PPP, only 50% of wages

### Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL)

- “Up to \$2m (<4%, 30yr) loan to alleviate specific economic injury. Not forgivable”
- Advance of up to \$10,000
- Part of the FFCRA (H.R. 6201, “2<sup>nd</sup> Relief Bill”)
- [Administered by SBA](#)
- Must document specific injury

### Emergency EIDL Grants

- “Up to \$10k paid out in < 3 days”
- Section 1110 of the CARES Act (H.R. 748, “3<sup>rd</sup> Relief Bill”)
- [Administered by the SBA](#)
- Part of the EIDL process

### Emergency Family and Medical Leave

- “Government requires you to provide 2 week sick leave and 10 week family leave for employees impacted by Covid-19. Government will cover up to \$500/day sick leave, and up to \$200/day family leave”
- Division C of the FFCRA (H.R. 6201, “2<sup>nd</sup> Relief Bill”)
- [Administered by the IRS](#)

\*Summaries provided here are not intended to be legal advice and are based on publicly available information. Please do your own research to evaluate these programs and lenders based on your specific situation and needs.

\*Summary items sourced from [microconf.com overview](#)

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