



During these uncertain events we have many questions. We will provide resources and information to child care facilities as they become available to us here at SCOE Child Care Resource & Referral.

If you have a question that is not listed below please email us at childcarerr@stancoe.org.

Q: Things are constantly changing and I see updates on the news but what about child care?

A: As of March 20, 2020 child care facilities have been deemed essential services are able to remain open.

Visit the Community Care Licensing website for continuous developing information and news on Coronavirus (COVID-19) as it pertains to childcare providers <https://www.cdss.ca.gov/inforesources/community-care-licensing>

Q: If I choose to close what action do I need to take?

A: You need to notify your Community Care Licensing Analyst by phone and in writing within 7 days. Complete and mail the Unusual incident/injury report form (LIC 624 or LIC 624 B). Remember to keep a copy for your Records. <https://www.cdss.ca.gov/cdssweb/entres/forms/English>

Q: If I am licensed for 8 can I expand during this time to serve more children?

A: Community Care Licensing has implemented statewide emergency waivers for exceeding licensed capacity and ratios for small family childcare homes during the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. Please refer to the provided PIN document (PIN 20-04-CCP)

Q: Can employers provide child care services during this times?

A: The Department of Support Services (CDSS), has established an emergency waiver for the operation of temporary child care facilities. This waiver is applicable to all employers needing to immediately provide temporary employer sponsored child care. This statewide waiver shall be in effect until the Governor's Proclamation of a State of Emergency is no longer in effect, but may be extended depending on any future guidance from CDSS, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Department of Public Health (DPH), and local health departments. Terms and conditions for temporary employer sponsored child care can be found here: https://www.cdss.ca.gov/Portals/9/CCLD/PINs/2020/CCP/PIN_20-04-CCP.pdf.

Q: Where can I refer families that need help in paying for their child care?

A: SCOE maintains a waiting list for child care assistance. Refer them to either call (209) 238-6400 or visit our www.findchildcarestanislaus.org web site to search for a child care provider.

Q: Where can I find CAL/OSHA GUIDANCE REGARDING CHILDCARE FACILITIES

A: Cal/OSHA has developed guidance for childcare programs on updating their Injury and Illness Prevention Programs to protect their employees and help prevent the spread of COVID-19 at their facilities. Among other things, this guidance contains information on topics childcare program administrators should cover in training their employees on COVID-19, points to include in their curriculum to teach children about how they can help to prevent the spread of COVID-19, and what to do if a child shows symptoms of illness.

The guidance also advises childcare program administrators on communicating with parents and guardians about COVID-19: Ensure information and communication can be provided in the primary languages of parents and guardians. Obtain email addresses, and home, work and mobile phone numbers from parents and guardians of children at the facility so the facility can reach them at all times. Create and test communication systems with parents and guardians, children at the facility, employees, facility management, and emergency medical services. Provide parents and guardians with information from CDC on COVID-19 symptoms, transmission, prevention, and when to seek medical attention. Encourage parents and guardians to share the information with their children as appropriate. Communicate with parents and guardians that children should stay at home if sick or if they have been in contact with a person who has tested positive for coronavirus. Recommend to parents and guardians voluntary methods to help screen their children for flu symptoms (for example, ask parents and guardians to take the temperature of their children every day before coming to childcare and to keep their children at home if their temperature is over 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit. Discuss this with parents each day when they leave their children at the facility to ensure no change in status. Ask the local health department for assistance with these methods.

Cal/OSHA's guidance to childcare programs is available at:

<https://www.dir.ca.gov/dosh/Coronavirus/COVID-19-Infection-Prevention-in-Childcare-Programs-Guidance.pdf>