



Early
Childhood
Services



During these challenging times we are working to combine our efforts with agencies across our local region and statewide to coordinate and mobilize child care opportunities for essential personnel as outlined in Governor Whitmer’s Executive Order 2020-16.

Information for Essential Worker Parents and Guardians

Eligibility Determination

- This is a temporary service provided until April 15, 2020. It is intended for essential personnel with no other child care options available to them. In the event the Governor extends the deadline, our intent will be to do the same. If your child receives child care provided in one of our “disaster relief child care centers” (local classrooms) and schools resumes, child care services would end. If you are with a private child care provider, continuing service would be decided between you and the provider.
- We will request either a pay stub or employment badge to verify you are an essential worker as defined by the Executive Order.
- The child care fees are determined by local provider. Most of them accept Child Care Subsidy funds (CDC). To see if you qualify for this state assistance for childcare, please visit [MDE](#). To apply, please visit [Mi Bridges](#).
- Every effort will be made to accommodate a variety of work schedules. Typical hours are 7am - 6pm but vary by provider. Currently, extended hours are limited. We are working with providers to accommodate extended hours of service.
- Available spots will be communicated to you as they become available. Initial contact will be made by Morgan Hall through email from the following address childcare@copese.org. If necessary, a phone contact will be made and will come from 231-238-9394 ext. 1419.
- If necessary, we will maintain a waitlist that is updated daily.

Click the Icon Below to Begin Request for Essential Workers
Child Care



Information for Providers

If you are interested in helping serve our essential work staff and want to become a provider, please fill out this [survey](#) from the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services - Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA). This survey allows for monitoring the existing capacity of local providers who can provide emergency care to essential workers. Once the survey has been submitted, please email childcare@copese.org to let us know you completed the survey. Once we hear from you, connections can be made between eligible families and providers. THANK YOU!



MDE has released [guidance](#) on screening, sanitation and specific age groups with reference to LARA.

If additional assistance is needed, please contact one of our following partners:

[LARA](#) Consultants:

Otsego and Presque Isle Counties- Cheree Crudo, CrudoCI@michigan.gov

Cheboygan- Codie Mayhew, mayhewc@mich.gov

Northeast Regional Resource Center: Desiree Lipinski, lipiskid@coorisd.net

COPESD: Karyn Rauch-Smock, ISD Lead Contact, rauchsmock@copese.org

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COPESD Great Start Collaborative: Melinda Hambleton, mhambleton@copese.org

[MDE Guidance Documents for Providers](#)