



# Minnesota's Children's Cabinet

## Child Care Update

Dear Family Child Care and Center-Based Child Care Providers:

Thank you for standing ready to serve the families of workers in critical sectors. We are committed to continuing to provide you with timely updates and resources to support you during this challenging time.

### **Provider Call**

Thank you to the several hundred of you who joined our call with state agencies this past Monday. If you missed it, a recording of the call is available [here](#). The call included:

- A welcome and thank you from Lieutenant Governor Peggy Flanagan
- Updates on public health guidance for child care workers and settings by the Department of Health (MDH) School and Child Care Liaisons
- Dialogue with the Department of Human Services Child Care Services and Licensing teams, Department of Employment and Economic Development and other state partners based on questions from you.

We will hold another call to share updates and take questions from state agencies on **Monday, April 27, at 7 p.m.** You can join via [WebEx](#) or by phone (1-415-655-0003; Access code: 966 958 239). Please submit questions to [childrenscabinet.mmb@state.mn.us](mailto:childrenscabinet.mmb@state.mn.us) by Thursday, April 23.

### **Public Health Guidance**

MDH worked closely with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to clarify federal guidance for child care programs remaining open during the pandemic. The updated [CDC guidance](#) offers additional strategies for operationalizing health and safety measures including screening children upon arrival. We have removed the state guidance to limit confusion now that federal guidance addresses your needs and aligns with state recommendations.

**More information.** Continue to use [mn.gov/childcare](https://mn.gov/childcare) for updated public health guidance. If you have health questions regarding your family or center-based settings, reach out to the MDH school and childcare team at [health.schools.covid19@state.mn.us](mailto:health.schools.covid19@state.mn.us).

## **Federal Supports**

The Children's Cabinet, Department of Human Services, and Department of Education are actively planning how to use additional federal dollars to support state child care and school needs as a result of COVID-19. We understand more resources are needed to continue to support your businesses, staff, and families in the coming months as you keep up the heroic care of children underway. We will share updates as soon as possible.

## **Care for Critical Workers Status**

More than 3,400 providers have responded to our survey to serve children of critical workers and we know many of you are already serving these families. As your status changes, please [update your information](#).

Thank you for all you do to educate our littlest Minnesotans and help our communities respond to COVID-19. We will continue to provide updates on business supports, supplies, and other resources as they are available on [mn.gov/childcare](http://mn.gov/childcare). Please continue to send questions to [childrencabinet.mmb@state.mn.us](mailto:childrencabinet.mmb@state.mn.us).

Thank you,

Erin Bailey, Executive Director, Governor's Children's Cabinet

On behalf of participating agency leaders and staff

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## **Contact Us.**

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