Child Care for Essential Workers

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Agenda

● Riverside County: Structure and Partnerships
● Response to COVID-19: Policy and Process
● Support for Essential Workers / Healthcare Services
● Emergency Child Care for Essential Workers: Enrollment Process
● Opportunity for Continued Services After June 30, 2020
● Support for Child Care Centers / Providers
● Q&A
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Structure and Partnerships
Early Learning Services

Early Care and Education

- Resource and Referral (Hub for countywide support and resources)
- State and Center-based Preschools
- Alternative Payment Program (Parent Voucher Program)
- Quality Assurance

Head Start / Early Head Start

Migrant Head Start
RCOE Partnerships

- First 5 Riverside
- Emergency Operations Center
- County of Riverside
- Local Planning Council
- Governmental Relations
Response to COVID-19
Policy and Process
Local Response to COVID-19

- Focus on support of existing child care facilities and providers
- Focus on expansion of existing child care subsidy program for Essential Workers with priority enrollment for healthcare services
- Did not pursue option for “pop-up” child care
  - Ensure safe environment for children enrolled
  - Recognize need for care outside of normal operating hours
  - Understand need for flexible placement to meet work schedules and family preference
COVID-19 Projections in Riverside County

Projected Cases
Current Cases

Total COVID-19 Cases in Riverside County

April 7, 2020

CURRENT CAPACITY

APRIL 14 - Current available ICU beds (131) at full capacity
APRIL 23 - Current available Hospital beds (1,503) at full capacity
APRIL 26 - Current available ventilators (305) at full capacity

ANTICIPATED DATES

EARLY MAY
- 1,000 Deaths (1.9% death rate)
- 3,000 ICU Beds needed
- 10,000 Hospital Beds needed

TODAY

4.6 days
Doubling Time (time it takes for cases to double)

1016
Confirmed COVID-19 cases in Riverside County

28
Deaths in Riverside County

KEY POINTS

- The above projections are based on our reported cases, bed availability, and equipment resources. As capacity and growth rate changes, these numbers will also change.
- Doubling time for COVID-19 is currently 4.6 days in Riverside County. If we have 1,016 cases today, and continue to double at 4.6 days, we will have 2,032 cases in 5 days.
- Riverside County cases continue to increase exponentially despite some counties in California experiencing a flattening of the curve.
- Despite orders to stay home, closures of schools, non-essential businesses, and places of gathering, movement of people has decreased by only 30% in Riverside County.
- The only way we will stop the spread of infection is with regular hand washing, staying at home, social distancing, and covering the face.

STAY IN PLACE → MAINTAIN YOUR SPACE → COVER YOUR FACE
Governor Newsom Executive Order (N-45-20)

April 4, 2020

● Executive Order (N-45-20)
  ○ Recognizes need for access to child care for Essential Workers and additional platforms for food services.
  ○ Allows essential workers to access state-subsidized child care (RCOE Alternative Payment Program) and preschool programs regardless of income or family size for 60 days (June 30, 2020).
Management Bulletin (MB 20-06)

- Provides guidance to state-subsidized early learning and care programs after the signing of Executive Order N-45-20:
  - Continue to provide services to currently-enrolled families
  - Begin to provide “Emergency Childcare” for essential workers and other populations.
CDE Essential Worker Enrollment

April 9, 2020 (MB 20-06 Resources)

- Three items needed for Essential Worker Enrollment
  - Enrollment Application Form
  - Self-Certification
  - Provider Information (name, address, etc.)
Others Who Qualify for Emergency Child Care

- At-Risk (self declared)
  - CPS / At-Risk
  - Foster Bridge
  - Homeless
  - Domestic Violence

- Special Education Students with IEP/IFSP
Support for Essential Workers

Resources and Communication
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2019 Novel Coronavirus
UPDATES & RESOURCES

School Closure Orders and Resources for Educators & Parents

- Educational Resources for Remote Learning
- Special Education Resources
- Child Care and Early Education Resources

WWW.RCOE.US
Resources and Communication

- Licensed Child Care Facilities and Family Child Care Homes
- Monitored for Status (open/closed) and Available Slots for EW
- Updated and Published Every Wednesday
  - [WWW.RCOE.US](http://WWW.RCOE.US)
# Resources and Communication

## Resources for Families and Providers in Riverside County -- COVID-19

**March 16, 2020 -- TBD**

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<td>Internet Resources</td>
<td>Contact your local provider</td>
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<td>Videos of astronauts reading STEM themed books from the International Space Station brought to you by the non-profit Storytime From Space.</td>
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<td>This is a site established by science guy Steve Spangler, who’s been on The Ellen Show over 20 times, with close to 400 science experiments you can do at home.</td>
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Child Care for Essential Workers

Enrollment Process
Child Care for Essential Workers

- Provisions for Child Care - Essential Workers
  - Need for Child Care varies based on work schedule and parent/family preference
  - Child Care can take place in Child Care Center, Licensed Family Child Care Home, or with unlicensed Family, Friend, or Neighbor
Child Care for Essential Workers

- Restrictions for Emergency Child Care
  - Assets not greater than $1M
  - Child Care must take place outside of home
  - Both parents must be Essential Workers not working remotely (unless disabled)
  - Child Care provider 18 or older
Child Care for Essential Workers

- Enrollment prioritized for Healthcare Services
- No Income Eligibility or Family Fees
- Must certify assets not greater than $1M
- Services authorized through June 30, 2020*
- Direct payment to provider *(month following services)*
Enrollment of Essential Workers

Three Items for Enrollment

1. **COVID-19 Application**
2. **Self-Certification Form**
3. **Child Care Provider Information**
   a. Name, Address, Phone, etc.
   b. Provider also required to provide information for payment processing
Riverside County Office of Education

Steps to Enroll

1. Email cclupdates@rcoe.us or call 800.442.4927
   a. Be sure to identify self as Essential Worker

2. Welcome Packet with assigned Liaison name and Enrollment Forms will be emailed or mailed to you (if email address not available).

3. Complete and email to required (3) items to your Liaison:
   a. COVID-19 Application
   b. Self-Certification Form (assets not greater then $1M)
   c. Provider Information (name, address, etc.)

4. Liaison will contact to complete enrollment
Prioritization for Healthcare Services

Steps to Enroll

1. Email cclupdates@rcoe.us
   a. Be sure to identify self as Essential Worker/Healthcare
   b. Include completed enrollment information:
      i. Application Form
      ii. Self-Certification (assets not greater than $1M)
      iii. Provider Information (name, address, etc.)

2. Liaison will contact parent to complete enrollment - certificate often issued within 24 hours*

*Response time not guaranteed due to high volume of applications
Opportunity to Continue After June 30, 2020

During the Child Care for Essential Workers Period:

- Liaison/Parent determine eligibility to continue services (if desired)
  
  a. **Income Eligible** - Determine income eligibility based upon COVID-19 application information:
     i. If not income eligible, services end June 30, 2020
     ii. If income eligible, collect documentation during EW period and "roll over" enrollment for continued services.
  
  b. **At-Risk** - provide required referral documentation
  
  c. **Special Education (IEP/IFSP)** - provide required documentation to determine income eligibility
Support for Child Care Centers / Providers

• Ongoing Communication and Support
  a. Email, Text Blasts, Mass Mailing, Phone, Social Media
  b. Guidance for providing care during COVID-19

• Supplies to Reopen or Maintain Open
  a. Bleach
  b. Disinfectant
  c. Paper Towels
  d. Toilet Paper
  e. Diapers/Wipes

• Individualized Support as Needed
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