

CONSIDERATIONS FOR CHILD CARE CLOSURE DUE TO COVID-19

The following has been adapted for child care providers from CDC Guidelines. Last updated 3/16/2020

Has your school district or state taken actions to close K-12 schools?

Child Care Aware® of America recommends that all child care programs should also close, with the exception of programs serving essential and emergency personnel (to be defined by the state or locality).

Is there community spread?

No community spread

Minimal to Moderate or Substantial Community Spread*

- Prepare
- Require sick children and staff to stay home
- Establish procedures for someone who becomes sick at child care
- Assess group gatherings and events – consider postponing non-critical gatherings and events
- Develop information sharing systems
- Monitor for absenteeism
- Intensify cleaning and disinfection
- Teach and reinforce healthy hygiene

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Substantial spread

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Monitor changes in community spread

All child care programs regardless of community spread

Confirmed person (staff or child) with COVID-19 in building?

Assess risk

Short (potential 2-5 day) program dismissal to clean/disinfect in consultation with local health officials

Understanding that each community is different, contact your CCR&R or visit www.childcareaware.org to learn more about your options.

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