



## **Highlights from Los Angeles' Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic**

### ***L.A. Emergency Child Care Connection***

On April 10, Mayor Eric Garcetti launched the L.A. Emergency Child Care Connection program in order to provide childcare to hospital employees. Eleven hospitals in the city of Los Angeles are currently participating in this program.

The program offers three options to employees at participating hospitals:

- A stipend of \$100 per shift available to all hospital employees in order to pay for the childcare. Families are encouraged to use the stipend to help children stay at home or in the home of a trusted relative or neighbor. Hospitals must commit to making the full stipend available to all non-professional employees and prioritize low-wage workers.
- Free referrals to childcare centers and family childcare homes.
- Childcare at five Los Angeles Parks and Recreation centers near hospitals for kids 6-to-14 years old, starting Monday, April 13, from 6 am to 8 pm.

Hospital employees who wish to participate in the L.A. Emergency Child Care Connection should inquire with their human resources department.

### ***Los Angeles County COVID-19 Response Team***

Los Angeles County has created a COVID-19 Response Team, which represents a collaborative effort among the Los Angeles County Office of Education, County Department of Public Health–Office for the Advancement of Early Care and Education, First 5 LA, Los Angeles Unified School District, Child Care Alliance of Los Angeles, Greater Los Angeles Education Foundation, Child360, the office of Mayor Eric Garcetti, the Center for Strategic Partnerships, and county resource and referral agencies.

In order to support childcare providers and families, the Response Team is working with partners, including Baby2Baby and various food banks, to secure diapers, food, cleaning supplies, personal protective equipment and other necessities. State Senator Holly Mitchell was able to secure a donation of 10,000 face masks to distribute to providers. The Response Team supports essential workers by connecting them to available childcare options throughout the county.

The Response Team is holding regular "Community Calls" in order to provide information regarding new health and safety requirements and social distancing guidelines for childcare providers as well as information on assistance available to providers in the form of financial relief, supplies, and resources. To join the calls, email [ECECOVIDResponse@lacoed.edu](mailto:ECECOVIDResponse@lacoed.edu).

### ***Child Care Hotline for Essential Workers***



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- First responders and medical personnel in need of early childhood and childcare services may call the toll-free number 888-92CHILD (922-4453), set up by the Child Care Alliance of Los Angeles.
- The Los Angeles County Office of Education developed [www.lacoe.edu/childcare](http://www.lacoe.edu/childcare) in order to connect families to their local Child Care Resource and Referral agency and provide additional resources for children and families.

***Community Support***

The Greater LA Education Foundation has established a COVID-19 Education Response Fund in order to expand and steward financial and other resources that are becoming available to meet the most urgent needs and alleviate the difficulties facing county schools and communities. Contributions to the fund can be made at [www.calfund.org/greaterla](http://www.calfund.org/greaterla).