



## **CDE Management Bulletin 20-06A**

### **Updated COVID-19 Guidance Regarding Emergency Childcare Services**

The California Department of Education released an update to [Management Bulletin 20-06](#), with information for providers providing care during the COVID-19 pandemic.

#### Summary of Management Bulletin 20-06

- The CDE is encouraging all programs that can safely remain open or reopen to do so in order to serve essential worker families during this State of Emergency.
- Programs may enroll children in the following populations:
  - Children of “essential workers”
  - At risk populations, including:
    - Children in the child welfare system or those at risk of maltreatment
    - Families experiencing homelessness
    - Children of domestic violence survivors
  - Children with special needs whose individualized education programs (IEP) and/or individual family support plans (IFSP) include ELC services.
  - If providers have space in their program after eligible children have been enrolled, they may consider serving the children of private-pay essential workers at their discretion.
- Children of essential workers are eligible if the following criteria are met:
  - Only or both parent(s) in a household are essential workers or the other parent is unable to provide care for the child due to incapacitation.
  - The family requires childcare to perform their essential work.
  - The family is unable to complete their work remotely.
  - The family assets do not exceed \$1,000,000.
- Families can enroll by submitting an [application](#) certifying their eligibility. Childcare centers are not responsible for determining if a parent or guardian’s work is “essential” or if a family is part of the “at-risk” population.
- Alternative Payment (AP) contractors may allow new enrollments of children for Emergency Childcare provided their contract funds support the additional enrollment. At this time, there is no additional funding being awarded to contractors for this purpose.

- Providers must adhere to the Health and Safety Guidelines described in [Provider Information Notice 20-06-CPP](#).

## Updates in Management Bulletin 20-06A

### *Emergency Childcare*

- Families of essential workers or at-risk populations can receive services through June 30, 2020, or for 60 calendar days following the date of the child's enrollment, whichever is longer, subject to available funds.
- Programs may continue to enroll new families in Emergency Childcare following the procedures and priorities described in [MB 20-06](#). The family must be certified for services by June 30, 2020.
- Alternative Payment (AP) contractors may allow new enrollments of children for Emergency Childcare provided their contract funds support the additional enrollment. AP contracts have been augmented with additional funding to support childcare providers and Emergency Childcare.
- Beginning July 1, contractors must collect family fees from all families receiving Emergency Childcare after June 30, if applicable to the program type.

### *Non-Emergency Child Care*

- Programs may resume serving currently enrolled children who are not at-risk or in the family of an essential worker, subject to guidance from the local public health department.
- All currently-enrolled families will have the option to stay in care, or return to care, before any new essential worker families are enrolled.
- All CDE contractors may begin enrolling families for the upcoming 2020-21 program year at this time, following typical enrollment guidelines.

### *Health and Safety Regulations*

- Group sizes are no longer limited to 10 children. Children should remain in groups as small as possible. Should these guidelines differ from local health ordinances, follow the stricter guidance.
- Ratios remain as described in MB 20-06:
  - 1:4 infant
  - 1:6 toddler
  - 1:10 Preschooler
  - 1:6 - mixed age group (max 2 infants)
- The CDC has released a [Childcare Decision Tree](#) to assist providers in making the decision to reopen.

For more detailed information, please review [Management Bulletin 20-06A](#) in full.