



CDE Update: Guidance Regarding Requirements for Reopening Reimbursement, and Distance Learning for Direct Service Contractors

For Fiscal Year (FY) 2020–21, Direct Service Contract programs will receive reimbursement when the contractor is either:

- Physically open to provide early learning and care (ELC) services for all enrolled families by September 8, 2020, or within 21 calendar days from the start date of the program’s approved program calendar, whichever is sooner, and remain open and offer services through the FY 2020–21 program year; or
- Not physically open by these dates, due to a written state or local public health order related to the COVID-19 pandemic
- Physically open by these dates, with any future days of closure related to the COVID-19 pandemic being due to a state or local public health order specific to early learning or childcare.

Contractors that Remain Closed Without a Public Health Order

Contractors that do not reopen within the specified timeline without a public health order will not be reimbursed for any period of time that the program is not physically open. Similarly, contractors that open by the timeframe set forth above and that subsequently close for reasons not due to the issuance of a public health order will not be reimbursed for any period of time that the program is not physically open, unless the closure is otherwise allowed due to other emergency conditions.

A contractor that does not physically open according to the above timeline, or subsequently closes without a written state or local public health order must submit a revised FY 2020–21 program calendar and program narrative change to their assigned Early Learning and Care Division (ELCD) Regional Consultant.

Programs Closed due to a Public Health Order

For programs that are not physically open due to public health orders, contractors must submit a plan for distance learning to the ELCD and provide distance learning opportunities for those families.

If you have questions regarding this information, please contact your assigned Program Quality Implementation Regional Consultant on the ELCD Consultants Regional Assignments web page at <https://www.cde.ca.gov/sp/cd/ci/assignments.asp>.