

Provider Resources – COVID19 UPDATES

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*****Child Care Hotline (1-888-234-1268) for provider questions and concerns*****

mn.gov/childcare <https://mn.gov/childcare/> offers Child Care providers and families of emergency workers seeking care the most up-to-date information. We will continue to provide links to the most current childcare information from state agencies, including the departments of education, human services, and health, and share the latest public health guidance, best practices, and access to cleaning and other necessary supplies. Providers have implemented significant changes to both cleaning and operating procedures to follow best-practice guidelines for COVID-19 mitigation.

Think Small - https://www.thinksmall.org/community_engagement/resources/covid-19/

Minnesota Department of Health -

[MDH screening guidance](#) — The screening guidance outlines steps to take at drop-off or during the day to assess a child's health.

[MDH exclusion guidance](#) — The exclusion guidance contains a decision tree for symptomatic individuals in Child Care programs.

[COVID-19 Testing](#) - Minnesota Child Care providers and educators caring for children of emergency workers who are symptomatic are on the priority list for COVID-19 testing. Health care providers may adjust which populations they test as equipment, collection supplies, and lab capacity change.

Care for Essential Workers Status:

Providers should continue to [update their information](#) as their status and capacity changes. We have also added a question to document those Child Care settings able to support distance learning. More than 2,900 providers have responded to the survey thus far with a willingness to serve children of critical workers. We know many of you are already serving these families and want to thank you for the care you provide!

[To report a fraud or scam](#) - (Some providers have received email or mailings of fraudulent nature asking for financial information. Please be cautious of this! If this occurs, please report it).

<https://www.ag.state.mn.us/Office/ContactUs.asp>

Supply Chain - We have heard you on having difficulty locating the supplies needed to serve families and maintain the health and safety of your staff and the families you serve. Cleaning supplies are in high demand and there are shortages in many areas of the state. Here are some updates on our work to support you in obtaining the supplies you need:

- **No Supply Limits for Child Care Providers:** Governor Walz's [Executive Order 20-19](#) instructs that **“no supplier or business should limit or restrict reasonable orders of cleaning, hygiene, and sanitation supplies by Child Care providers who are serving children of parents working in critical sectors.”** Please share this language with local stores and suppliers; we are doing the same. Please report violations to sahviolations@state.mn.us.
 - **Local Emergency Centers:** Below is a list of local emergency centers and contacts. These people are prepared to help Child Care providers find cleaning product and supplies in the community.
 - **Cub/UNFI Partnership: Child Care providers needing help with supplies and food can email daycare@cub.com** to be connected with appropriate personnel. CUB has designated 13 stores that will be open 24 hours-a-day to support the communities, providing an added value to Child Care providers who often are needing to shop for supplies in off-hours. Other CUB local store teams will work to support specific Child Care provider's needs. Orders can be placed on Monday or Tuesday for pick up on Thursdays and Fridays. We want to thank the **Cub/UNFI team** for stepping up to help with Child Care providers' needs by leveraging its supply chain network, including Kemps for milk supply.
 - **Hand sanitizer:** The distilling community and companies across the state are uniting and combining resources to get sanitizer into the hands of organizations and businesses on the front lines. Visit allhandsmn.org to place an order. Metro area providers can pick up their orders. We are sharing this opportunity with our Greater Minnesota partners and hope to help ensure providers across the state can access these resources as well.
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- [CDC Situation Updates](#)
 - mn.gov/stayhomemn
 - [Apply for Unemployment Insurance](#)
 - [Minnesota Department of Health Updates About COVID-19](#)

Please note that these links are the most up to date, as of the time of this writing. This is an ever-evolving situation so please contact the individual resource for the most up to date information.