

# Child Care for Essential Workers During the Coronavirus (COVID-19)

The Office of Early Childhood is in close talks with the Governor, the Department of Public Health (DPH), and the state's Emergency Operation Center. Based on the Governor's executive order and policy to stay safe and stay at home, note the following:

## Child care is available for essential workers.

For a full list of essential businesses visit:

[portal.ct.gov/DECD/Content/Coronavirus-for-Businesses/Coronavirus-for-Businesses](https://portal.ct.gov/DECD/Content/Coronavirus-for-Businesses/Coronavirus-for-Businesses)

### 1 | Keep Children Home

For all non-essential workers, please keep your children at home.

### 2 | Find Your Village!

For those who have to work, look to trusted friends, neighbors, and family members who are not in a high-risk category to fill in care for children. When looking for support, remember to ask the following questions each day:

- ◆ Have you traveled to a country that the CDC has issued a Level 2 or 3 travel designation in the last 14 days?
- ◆ Have you had contact with anyone under investigation for COVID-19 in the last 14 days, or with anyone known to have COVID-19?
- ◆ Do you have any symptoms of a respiratory infection (cough, sore throat, fever, or shortness of breath)?

### 3 | Support for Your Backup Plan

For essential workers who are not able to do the above, call 2-1-1 for help finding open and available spaces for child care near your work or home.

### 4 | Healthcare and First Responders Dedicated Support

For healthcare and first responders who are not able to find trusted family or friends for child care please call the 2-1-1 dedicated number **860.756.0864** for support.



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## What Child Care Providers Are Doing

Child care providers truly care for children and want the best for your child. All licensed child care centers that will provide care for essential workers have implemented increased health care practices to prevent the spread of respiratory viruses. These practices include:



Groups of 10 or fewer per room



Take temperatures of all children and staff when they arrive



Routinely sanitizing high touch surfaces



Frequent handwashing



Covering their mouth with their sleeve or a tissue when coughing or sneezing



Avoiding touching their eyes, nose, or mouth with their hands



Ensuring anyone showing signs of sickness stays home

For more information and resources, visit [ct.gov/coronavirus](https://ct.gov/coronavirus). Or visit the CDC website [cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/index.html](https://cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/index.html) for links to tip sheets, posters on handwashing, and tips and guidance for families. All CDC guidance is updated as necessary to respond to this changing situation. We know these are trying times. We also know by working together we will get through this together.

**If you are a healthcare worker or first responder and need care for your child while you work, please call this dedicated 211 number **860.756.0864.****

