



CHILD CARE COUNCIL
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Update on COVID-19

Let us know if you have vacancies

OCFS has launched a new survey tool to collect information from licensed and registered child care providers about vacancies and capacity to serve additional children of essential workers.

If you have slots available in your program to serve essential workers, please complete this survey every Wednesday. OCFS will share this information with us to help connect parents in need of child care with available slots in their community. **This survey will be the primary way we will track if a program is open or closed. It will be used to target any new resources that we get (such as cleaning products, gloves, etc).**

Please note that at this time we have not received many requests for child care from essential workers.

CACFP (Food Program) Update

With limited access to our office, we are asking all providers to enroll in our direct deposit system so we can ensure timely payment.

Click here for the direct deposit form. You must also include a copy of a voided check. Please EMAIL your direct deposit form and copy of voided check to Christina Flythe (cflythe@childcaresuffolk.org).

All enrollments must also be emailed at this time. You can call or text with questions to 516-486-0834.

All updates from OCFS are listed [here](#). Remember, the priority is to maintain as much social distancing as possible. Therefore, child care programs are being asked to only care for children of essential workers. We know this is a very difficult time. Read below for more information about new resources for small business owners, self-employed individuals, part-time and full-time workers.

Resources for child care providers

Child Care Aware of America has compiled [extensive information](#) and support for child care providers.



When Should I Close My Child Care Program? A Coronavirus Flowchart

The New York Times has a [helpful Q&A](#) on the new benefits that are available.



Small Business Resources

A key provision of the federal legislation will help prevent workers from losing their jobs and small businesses from going under due to economic losses caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. [Click here](#) for a summary of the provisions.

[Click here](#) to read more about the support being provided through the Small Business Association.



New Unemployment and Worker Benefits

New federal benefit increases the amount each individual can receive and expands family leave options.

[Unemployment benefits](#) are now available to **self-employed and part-time workers**. The federal program provides up to an additional \$600 on top of state

unemployment benefits in an effort to better support individuals.

Suffolk County has established a [Business Recovery Unit](#) to help small businesses and workers.

Please know that we are doing our best to advocate on behalf of the child care industry on Long Island. The good news is that our government leaders are recognizing the critical importance of child care. We are committed to making sure that our industry comes out strong on the other side of this very difficult time.

Please share your challenges, concerns and suggestions with us so we can be sure to be focused on the issues most impacting your programs.