

# COVID-19: *Child Care Business Practices and Resources*

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# Today's Child Care Landscape

- On Friday, March 20, Governor Pritzker ordered the closure of all child care centers and homes in Illinois.
- Beginning Saturday, March 21:
  - Child care homes may open to serve six or fewer children of essential workers.
  - Child care centers may apply for an Emergency Child Care License to serve 10 or fewer children of essential workers per room.

To apply, visit [earlychildhood.illinois.gov](https://earlychildhood.illinois.gov)

# Federal Resources

## Families First Coronavirus Response Act (H.R. 6201)

Supports	More info / how to apply
<p>Provides two weeks of paid sick leave and emergency Family Medical Leave, including for families staying home with children due to school closures.</p> <p>Providers must pay wages to staff on leave using money they would've paid in payroll taxes. Providers can apply for refund if leave wages are larger than payroll taxes for the quarter.</p>	<p><a href="#">Click Here</a></p>
<p>Suspends work search requirement and one week waiting period for unemployment insurance.</p>	<p><a href="#">Click Here</a></p>
<p>Suspends work requirement and extends certification period for SNAP (food stamps).</p>	<p><a href="#">Click Here</a></p>

To read the Families First Coronavirus Response Act, [Click Here](#)

# Federal Resources

The Small Business Administration is accepting applications from Illinois for Disaster Loan Assistance

- Non-profit and for-profit businesses are eligible
- Loans can be up to \$2 million
- Interest rate: 3.75% (for-profits), 2.75% (non-profits)
- Repayment period: 30 years
- More information:  
<https://www.sba.gov/page/coronavirus-covid-19-small-business-guidance-loan-resources>
- Application website: <https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela/>

# State Resources

## Attendance Exemption

### **COVID-19 Public Health Emergency Temporary Attendance Exemption Policy**

#### **POLICY STATEMENT:**

To encourage subsidized child care programs to provide services during unforeseen, extraordinary circumstances and to lessen the financial impact of those events which are beyond the control of the programs, to include; licensed child care centers, licensed child care homes, licensed exempt centers, and licensed exempt homes may apply for an attendance exemption when an extraordinary event is responsible for substantially less than normal attendance. By claiming an exemption, the provider attests staff will continue to be paid for all scheduled work hours regardless of closure or reduction in services.

<https://www.dhs.state.il.us/page.aspx?item=123118>

# State Resources

## Attendance Exemption: Low Attendance Scenario

1. Complete the Attendance Exemption Form. Indicate which day(s) you had low attendance, and that you are continuing to pay staff.
2. Complete your billing certificate(s) as usual, reporting the number of days each child attended.
3. Attach the Attendance Exemption Form to the certificate(s) when you submit it for payment. You will be paid all eligible days.

If you do not attach the Attendance Exemption Form and your aggregate attendance has dropped below 80%, you will be paid on attended days only.



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## Attendance Exemption: Center or Home Closure

1. Complete the Attendance Exemption Form. Indicate which day(s) your center or home was closed. If applicable, certify that you are continuing to pay staff.
2. Complete your billing certificate as usual, reporting the number of days each child attended.
3. Attach the Attendance Exemption Form to the certificate(s) when you submit it for payment. You will be paid all eligible days.

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## Attendance Exemption: Low Enrollment AND Program Closure

1. If you close at a time that is not at the beginning or end of the month, your exemption may be requested for low enrollment AND program closure. If this is the case, make sure you indicate both on your Attendance Exemption Form. Certify that you are continuing to pay staff.
2. Complete the billing certificate as usual.
3. Attached the Exemption Form to the certificate(s) when you submit for payment. You will be paid all eligible days.

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## When a Program Closes and Does Not Qualify for the Attendance Exemption

- A program may close and for various reasons may be unable to continue to pay staff.
- In this case, they do not qualify for the Attendance Exemption.
- Both the provider and his/her employees are encouraged to access other relief funds to assist them with expenses during the COVID-19 crisis.
  - Small Business Administration Disaster Loan Assistance
  - Unemployment Insurance
  - SNAP (food stamps)

# Additional Information

- State of Illinois Coronavirus (COVID-19) Response  
[Coronavirus.illinois.gov](https://coronavirus.illinois.gov)
- Governor's Office of Early Childhood Development  
[Earlychildhood.illinois.gov](https://earlychildhood.illinois.gov)

If you have questions about child care-related responses to COVID-19, email: [GOV.OECD@illinois.gov](mailto:GOV.OECD@illinois.gov).

# Q&A

THANK YOU!