ALAMEDA COUNTY CHILD CARE AND COVID-19 UPDATE

Wednesday, April 1, 2020
6:00pm – 7:30pm
Housekeeping & Attendee Tools

- Webinar is recorded
- Attendees are muted
- Chat is disabled
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Welcome

Moderator:
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Agenda

I. Public Health Update
II. Relevant State Licensing Update
III. County Response to COVID-19
IV. Wrap-up
COVID-19 (Novel Coronavirus) Update

Early Care and Education COVID-19 Webinar
April 1, 2020

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Topics

• Situation Analysis
• Transmission
• Overview of Public Health Terms
• California and Alameda County Shelter in Place Orders
• COVID-19 Testing
• How to Keep Children and Staff safe during the COVID-19 Pandemic
COVID-19 in California

The San Francisco Chronicle is compiling an exhaustive list of every coronavirus case in California.

California cases: 8,799
California Deaths: 186
Bay Area cases: 2,550
Bay Area Deaths: 65
as of 4/1/2020

California cases are organized by reporting county. Cases are based on reports from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the California Department of Public Health and county public health departments, plus exclusive Chronicle reporting. For more information on the data, please read about our methodology.
COVID-19 in Alameda County

Current COVID-19 Alameda County Cases
Positive Cases: 339 *
Deaths: 8*
as of 4/1/2020

*Numbers exclude City of Berkeley cases
Droplet Transmission – Why 6 feet?

- Large Droplet: 1 to 3 feet
- Small Droplet: 3 – 5 feet
- Droplet Nuclei: > 5 feet
COVID-19 in Children – Experience in China

- 94% of pediatric cases were asymptomatic, mild or moderate in severity.

- 6% of children overall had severe or critical disease, but this percentage was 10.6% among infants under 1 year. None of the infants died.

- One 14-year-old boy died.

- Some of the sicker children might have been infected with more than one virus, or with other viruses like influenza, because COVID-19 testing was not performed in all children.

Journal: Pediatrics
Role of Children in COVID-19 Transmission

- Children are clearly susceptible to infection, which may be severe.
- However, children most often do not have clinically significant disease.
- Children may have more upper respiratory symptoms with COVID-19.
- The virus can be found in the stool for a long time, but it is unknown whether this plays a role in transmission.
- Could children play an important role in community transmission?
Overview of Public Health Terms

• Social Distancing
• Flattening the Curve
• Isolation
• Quarantine
• Shelter in Place
Why is Social Distancing Important?
Flattening the Curve

Adapted from CDC / The Economist
Incubation Period

Li et al, NEJM 2020, DOI:
10.1056/NEJMoa2001316
The Tale of Two Cities
QUARANTINE

• healthy person
• exposed
• staying at home + away from others

VERSUS

ISOLATION

• known case
• sick (even mild symptoms)
• staying at home + away from others
Social Distancing/Shelter in Place: Evolving State and Federal Guidance

3/15/20
- US limits gathering to <50 people
- CA directs high risk to self-isolate

3/16/20
- US limits gatherings to <10 people
- CA directs bars, wineries, night clubs to close

3/19/20
- CA issues stay at home order

3/26/20
- US extends social distancing guidelines to 4/30/20
- CA directs restaurants to implement social distancing
My school is providing free grab-and-go meals and childcare. Are those still open?

Yes. It is essential to keep children fed and educated. School employees should report to work and focus on distance learning, school meals, and childcare/supervision.

Are daycares still open? Can my babysitter still come to the house?

Yes. Daycares are still open, but **ONLY** for children of parents working in **essential sectors**. Daycare centers that remain open should employ heightened cleaning and distancing requirements.
Shelter at HOME: Alameda County

Health Officer Order – 3/17/20

• Shelter at home
• If outside home – maintain 6 ft. distance
• Exceptions for:
  • Essential Activities
    • Tasks for health & safety (Rx, MDs)
    • Necessary food & supplies
    • Outdoor activity/exercise
    • Work - Essential
    • Caring for family members & dependents
    • Maintain minimum business operations
  • Essential Government Functions
• Essential Businesses:
  • Healthcare
  • Food
  • Infrastructure – Utilities, Transport
  • Finances
  • Services for necessities of life
  • Fuel & transport maintenance
  • Sanitation
  • Education – distance learning, services
  • Childcare
  • Delivery & Shipping
• Minimum business operations
• Effective through April 7, 2020
Shelter at Home Alameda County Order Extension: 3/31/20- 5/3/20

- Playgrounds, dog parks, public picnic areas, must be closed to public use.
- Shared public recreational facilities such as golf courses, tennis and basketball courts, and pools, must be closed for recreational use.
- Sports requiring people to share a ball or other equipment must be limited to people in the same household.
- Essential businesses to develop a social distancing protocol before April 3.
- All individuals must strictly comply with Social Distancing Requirements, except to the limited extent necessary to provide care (including childcare, adult or senior care, care to individuals with special needs, and patient care);
Shelter at Home Alameda County

• Most construction—residential and commercial—is prohibited.

• Funerals limited to no more than 10 people attending

Essential businesses expanded to include service

• Providers that enable residential transactions (notaries, title companies, Realtors, etc.); funeral homes and cemeteries; moving companies, rental car companies and rideshare services that specifically enable essential activities

• Essential businesses that continue to operate facilities must scale down operations to their essential component only
DO I NEED TO GET TESTED FOR COVID-19?

Are you experiencing:
Fever, Coughing or Shortness of Breath?

Call your physician

Doctor advises you to come in

Specimen is collected via swab and sent to lab to be tested

Doctor will provide you with test results

Doctor identifies mild symptoms and advises home isolation

Isolate / Stay at home

You didn’t get an immediate response, and you’re experiencing severe symptoms?

Go to your local urgent care/ER or call 9-1-1

MORE INFORMATION - Follow the California Department of Public Health:
@capublichealth and www.cdph.ca.gov/covid19
Testing for COVID-19

Public Health testing priorities include SYMPTOMATIC (fever + cough or shortness of breath) persons who are:

- Healthcare personnel/pre-hospital transport
- Staff/residents of long-term care facilities, residential care facilities, rehabilitation facilities, or adult day health programs
- Staff/inmates at correctional facilities
- Adults ≥65 years and individual with chronic health conditions
- Hospitalized patients
- Law enforcement and firefighters
Testing sites in Alameda County

• Uninsured people should contact HealthPAC: HealthPACCustomeService@acgov.org or 1-877-879-9633

• Other sites will be available soon.

• RIGHT NOW – The best resource is to ask your physician for guidance.

• People with mild symptoms should stay home.
Keeping Children and Staff Safe in Child Care

• Be in stable groups of 12 or fewer children. The smaller the group, the better, but up to 12 is acceptable.

• If more than one group of children is cared for at one facility, each group should be in a separate room, if possible.

• Child care provider(s) should also remain solely with one group of children.
Keeping Children and Staff Safe in Child Care

1. Screen children and staff for fever or cough daily, before entering childcare.

2. Exclude ill children and employees (those with fever >100 degrees or cough) from the facility.

3. Any children or staff who develop symptoms should put on a surgical mask, enter a separate room, and be sent home as soon as possible.

4. Ill children or staff should not return to work or childcare until they are well.
Keeping Children and Staff Safe in Child Care

- Children and staff should wash hands with soap and water or use alcohol-based hand sanitizer containing at least 60% alcohol.
- Clean high-contact areas and surfaces frequently.
- Staff and children should practice good respiratory hygiene including coughing/sneezing into sleeve and covering coughs.
Public Health Resources

• ACPHD Child Care Guidance

• COVID-19 Prevention Infographic
  www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/PublishingImages/COVID-19/CORONAVIRUS-FINAL-2.png

• Reminders for using disinfectants

• CA OSHA Infection Prevention in Child Care Programs
ACPHD COVID-19 webpage: acphd.org/2019-ncov
Email questions to: nCov@acgov.org
Relevant State Licensing Update

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Maisha Cole, Senior Staff Attorney, Child Care Law Center
PIN 20-02-CCP (Child Care Program)

- Provides information and guidance from the California Department of Public Health (CDPH), for all child care facility licensees and providers regarding the Coronavirus.

- www.cdph.ca.gov
PIN 20-04-CCP (Child Care Program)

- Provides Guidance on Prevention, Containment, and Mitigation Measures;
- Issues Emergency Waiver For Operation of Temporary Employer Sponsored Child Care; and
- Statewide Waivers for Licensing Requirements
  - Staff to Child Ratio Waiver
  - Capacity Waiver
  - Criminal Record Background Waiver
  - Personnel Requirements Waivers

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A family child care home or day care center, may waive adult-to-child, teacher-child, or staff-infant ratios as necessary for prevention, containment, and mitigation measures, as long as the health and safety of children is not compromised.

The ratio of child to staff in a family child care home shall be no greater than 10:1.

This waiver shall not apply to staffing for water activities.

Staffing shall remain sufficient to meet the health and safety needs of children in care.

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A child care facility, not including a large family child care home, may waive capacity requirements if there is an immediate need for child care in the facility’s area due to school closures as a result COVID-19.

- Staffing must remain sufficient to meet the health and safety needs of children in care.
- Capacity shall not exceed 14 children for small family child care.

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Criminal Record Background Clearance Waiver

- New staff at a licensed facility may start caring for children immediately upon submission of a request to transfer a current CDSS criminal record clearance or exemption and child abuse clearance.

- New staff at a licensed facility shall be permitted to start caring for children upon submission of proof of both a criminal record clearance and child abuse clearance from a school district, state, or local government agency, so long as the other agency conducted both child abuse background checks and criminal record background checks of the individual.
A licensed child care facility may waive the following personnel requirements to enable new staff to start caregiving immediately:

- **Tuberculosis (TB) testing:** New staff may start working immediately if they submit proof of a TB clearance, including a certificate of TB clearance or physician’s report, within the last year.

- **Staff Training:** New staff may start work as soon as they provide proof of completion of first aid training, which may be completed online. The new staff should not be left unsupervised while children are present in the facility.

- **TrustLine application registration fees** will be waived.
PIN 20-04-CCLD

- Provides notification of the Governor's State of Emergency Proclamation.

- Authorizes emergency waivers for licensed facilities, including child care facilities.

- Permits CDSS to issue waivers as necessary.

- Child Care Program waivers issued under PIN 20-04 CCP.

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Announces a dedicated Community Care Licensing Division Coronavirus Disease 2019 e-mail address available to all licensees, providers, and the public to use in asking questions related to COVID-19:

CCLCOVID-19INFO@dss.ca.gov
Announces the suspension of all community care licensing annual inspections.

- CCLD will focus on containing and mitigating COVID-19 impacts.
- LPAs will prioritize visiting Elderly and Adult Residential Care Facilities to provide technical assistance.
- Inspections of child care facilities will be determined on a case-by-case assessment.
Waiver Process

- A request for a waiver should be **in writing** and include sufficient information to support your request.
- The request should explain how the health and safety of persons in care will be maintained with the requested waiver.
- Contact your local [Child Care Regional Office](#) or other designated CDSS program contact.

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Governor Newsom’s public health order states two things:

- Child care programs can only stay open to care for children of essential workers, and
- you must use heightened cleaning and distancing rules in place for COVID-19.
- [www.covid19.ca.gov/stay-home-except-for-essential-needs/](http://www.covid19.ca.gov/stay-home-except-for-essential-needs/)

Essential Services, listed under the Governor’s 16 essential sectors, will remain open. The Public Health Department may change this at any time.
Talking Points

- Describe your concerns with the health & safety of yourself, your family members, your staff and all the children in your care.
  - Are you or anyone in your home over 65 or have a compromised immune system and/or chronic medical condition?

- Explain the importance of not spreading the virus.
  - Having children and/or parents constantly in and out of your home.
  - Your ability to keep children a safe distance apart.

- Be Firm.
  - You have the choice to stay open or close your child care. Make the best decision based on your personal circumstances.
Child Care Law Center Resources

- Child Care Law Center Coronavirus Resource Tab

- Community Care Licensing
  - [www.cdss.ca.gov/inforesources/community-care-licensing](http://www.cdss.ca.gov/inforesources/community-care-licensing)

- California Coronavirus Response
Child Care Law Center Q&A
Cross County Planning for Essential Worker Child Care

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4Cs of Alameda County
Tier 1: Leverage Current Licensed System

- **Planning and Referral:** Central data base and enrollment form for hospitals, health care, other essential workers. Bananas, Hively and 4Cs Staff provide navigation. Hospitals mapped for adjacent current and potential licensed child care sites.
- **Supply:** 214 sites (161 family child care, 53 centers); 3310 spaces (591 for infants)
- **Demand:** According to SEIU union, there are 5,000 Alameda County health workers; estimated 1/3 will need child care. Enrollment forms sent to 12 hospitals, EMTs, cities, Board and on all agency websites.

Tier 2: Support Pop Up Employer and City Care

- **Child Care Intermediaries Offer Technical Assistance:** Staff connect programs with quality supports, staff, regulatory assistance and guidance documents, including Common Questions and Answers.
- **Currently at or Anticipated At 5 Sites:** Sheriff in Dublin; Gingerbread, PUSD in Pleasanton; Stanford Hospital/Livermore. Washington Hospital brokered Kidango/center reopening on site-Fremont. Berkeley and Fremont exploring options.

Tier 3: Catalyze, Support School District/ Other Triaged Care

- **Alameda County Office of Education:** has surveyed sites, is exploring school site models including information from Marin, ASES.
- If demand exceeds supply and financing, County may identify qualified County Disaster Service Workers, and sites where they can be deployed, using program design recommendations.
Tracking, Influencing & Supporting Federal, State and Local Policy and Budget

$339,325,475 from Federal government to CA for Child Care for Essential Workers: not income tested; supports fixed costs vs. attendance based.

Could be delivered via contracts for vouchers to Alternative Payment organizations or via current Title 5 contracts or otherwise TBD.

Alameda County ECE Program has submitted state recommendations to devote a portion to vouchers; permit reimbursement standards that support special circumstances; and enable flexibility to reestablish care where needed, possibly in hospital catchment areas.
Emergency Back-Up Child Care Sites Near Hospitals
As of March 30th, 2020
EIDL Loans: Loan Applicants (Including Non-Profits) May Request an Advance on Loan of Up to $10,000

U.S. Small Business Administration

Required Distribution in 3 days

Can support rent, mortgage, payroll
Loan Guarantee Program (7(a) Loans)

U.S. Small Business Administration  sba.gov

Broadened recently to include non-profits; Independent Sector webinar for non-profits on 4/2, 11-12 pm: IndependentSector.org/events.

Specific purposes include wages, paid leave, health insurance or retirement benefits, mortgages or rent, or utilities. Businesses may have these loans forgiven.
Tracking, Influencing & Supporting Federal, State and Local Policy and Budget

Community Care Licensing PINs and California Department of Education Management Bulletins are now centralized on the First 5 website: First5alameda.org

County partners are closely analyzing the landscape and are exploring all options for supporting ECE providers and connecting children and families to care via local, state and federal funds.
How Schools Have Supported PreK – School-Age In COVID Response

- Provide City School Volunteer Staff and Sites for School Age Centers at 80 + School Sites (New York City)
- Provide Site For PreK-12 With Mixed Staffing (K12, Child Care, Library/Disaster Service Worker) (Marin)
- Provide Sites and Organize Program With Non School District Staff (TBD) (Pleasanton Unified)
- Provide Site and Janitorial For Preschool When Other Provider Operates Child Care on School Site (Sonoma)

School Involvement in COVID 0-5/School Age Child Care
The Child Care Field and Community Have Supply Needs

Preliminary survey of needs to stay operational completed 3/24

R&Rs are continuing to track provider needs; diapers available through First 5 support

Resources and distribution channels being identified to better meet needs (Exploring SB 117 ($100 million for LEAs, cleaning and protective gear included))
Options for Providers to Support Local Emergency efforts

Teacher volunteer at alternate site

Program volunteer space

Complete survey:

Centers: https://forms.gle/WpSXxfE7nMtVQQH18
FCC: https://forms.gle/sHEt1hLS5B9muTwC8
Teachers and Staff: https://forms.gle/HyE5C4HNrGip6uuW8
Activities and Updates

- We are continuing to support child care providers, families and children with information and referrals
- Referrals are limited to families who are essential workers and programs open to provide child care for these workers
- We are also providing concrete supports for families and child care providers
- Each R&R agency is ready and able to help you connect with each other and/or the other child care payment programs serving our community
- Call us we are here to help
Essential Worker Child Care Intake Form

Share with your families who are essential workers!

Request for Alameda County Emergency Child Care for Eligible Staff

Greetings,

The Alameda County community is so grateful for your dedication and sacrifice during this COVID-19 emergency. The early care and education community* wants to help you and your family during this time to provide referrals to available child care for children birth - 12 years. We have surveyed our child care providers and many of them have let us know they are available to support you.

At this time, this referral service is prioritized for essential personnel. Requests are not open to the general public. We are trying our best to safely and responsibly respond to needs within 1-2 business days.
Child Care Payments Programs Updates/Resources

• If you serve children receiving subsidies from the state we can answer questions and/or direct you to the appropriate agency

• There are temporary changes in the regulations designed to support families and providers (CDE Management Bulletins 20-04 and 20-05)

• You have/will receive information from the agency’s you are contracting with for services

AP@BananasBunch.org
Payments@4c-alameda.org
510-582-2182
hello@behively.org
(925) 417-8733
County Response to COVID-19 Q&A
General Resources

- Alameda County Department of Public Health

- First 5 Alameda County

- Children Now
  - https://www.childrennow.org/blog/covid-19/
Small Business Resources

- California Small Business Development Center
  - www.californiasbdc.org/covid19
  - COVID-19 Small Business Survival Guide

- Upcoming webinar on financial resources for child care small businesses in Alameda County
  
  **Friday, April 3, 2020 @ 1PM**
Finding Child Care Resource

Essential Workers looking for child care can contact their local child care resource and referral agency

**Referral Phone Number**
(510) 658-0381
bananasbunch.org

**Referral Phone Number**
(510) 582-2182 ext. 3198
4c-alameda.org

**Referral Phone Number**
(925) 417-8733
hello@behively.org
behively.org

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Hayward
Newark
San Leandro
San Lorenzo
Union City

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Dublin
Livermore
Pleasanton
Sunol
Here are just a few reasons why your participation in the census matters:

When you and your kids are part of the census count, the community receives money for programs like child care, free school lunches, and Medi-Cal.

California receives more than $115 billion every year based on census data. We must count everyone so we don’t lose these resources.

The number of people California has in Congress is based on the census count.

Make Sure **Young Children** are Counted

www.acgov.org/census2020
Thank You!