

Child Care Available to Essential Personnel

On March 18, Governor Cuomo issued an Executive Order directing school districts to develop a plan for child care, with an emphasis on serving children of parents who are employed by essential businesses and entities that are critical to the COVID-19 response effort.

Child care placement is available to personnel who provide essential services, supplies, or support during this time. If you believe that you may qualify, please call the Oneida-Herkimer-Madison Child Care Resource Center at 315-223-7850 extension 222 or email earlycareandlearning@cornell.edu.

Thank you to all essential personnel who continue to protect and support our community. Please be safe, and whenever possible, stay at home.

The following list is intended as a guide, but not an exhaustive list of professions or occupations eligible for prioritized childcare. Essential businesses and entities include:

- Essential Health Care Operations, Including:
 - research and laboratory services
 - hospitals
 - walk-in-care health facilities
 - emergency veterinary and livestock services
 - elder care
 - medical wholesale and distribution
 - home health care workers or aides for the elderly
 - doctor and emergency dental
 - nursing homes, or residential health care facilities or congregate care facilities
 - medical supplies and equipment manufacturers and providers
- Essential Infrastructure, Including:
 - utilities including power generation, fuel supply and transmission
 - public water and wastewater
 - telecommunications and data centers
 - airports/airlines
 - transportation infrastructure such as bus, rail, or for-hire vehicles, garages
 - hotels, and places of accommodation
- Essential Manufacturing, Including:
 - food processing, manufacturing agents, including all foods and beverages
 - chemicals
 - medical equipment/instruments
 - pharmaceuticals
 - sanitary products
 - telecommunications
 - microelectronics/semi-conductor
 - agriculture/farms

- household paper products
- Essential Retail, Including:
 - grocery stores including all food and beverage stores
 - pharmacies
 - convenience stores
 - farmer's markets
 - gas stations
 - restaurants/bars (but only for take-out/delivery)
 - hardware and building material stores
- Essential Services, Including:
 - trash and recycling collection, processing and disposal
 - mail and shipping services
 - laundromats
 - building cleaning and maintenance
 - child care services
 - auto repair
 - warehouse/distribution and fulfillment
 - funeral homes, crematoriums and cemeteries
 - storage for essential businesses
 - animal shelters
- News Media
 - financial Institutions, Including:
- Banks
 - insurance
 - payroll
 - accounting
 - services related to financial markets
- Providers of Basic Necessities to Economically Disadvantaged Populations, Including:
 - homeless shelters and congregate care facilities
 - food banks
 - human services providers whose function includes the direct care of patients in state-licensed or funded voluntary programs; the care, protection, custody and oversight of individuals both in the community and in state-licensed residential facilities; those operating community shelters and other critical human services agencies providing direct care or support
- Construction, Including:
 - skilled trades such as electricians, plumbers
 - other related construction firms and professionals for essential infrastructure or for emergency repair and safety purposes
- Defense
 - defense and national security-related operations supporting the U.S. Government or a contractor to the US government
- Essential Services Necessary to Maintain the Safety, Sanitation and Essential Operations of Residences or Other Essential Businesses, Including:

- law enforcement
- fire prevention and response
- building code enforcement
- Security
- emergency management and response
- building cleaners or janitors
- general maintenance whether employed by the entity directly or a vendor
- automotive repair
- disinfection
- Vendors that Provide Essential Services or Products, Including Logistics and Technology Support, Child Care and Services:
 - logistics
 - technology support for online services
 - child care programs and services
 - government owned or leased buildings
 - essential government services