

Child Care in Illinois: COVID-19 Response

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Coronavirus Response-Illinois Child Care

- 3/21 Emergency Order
- Emergency Child Care for Essential Workers
- Child Care in Illinois: Restore Illinois Phases 3 & 4
 - Reopening of child care in Illinois outside of emergency programs.
 - Care resumes for all parents.



Illinois DCFS Licensing Requirements / COVID-19

(Effective May 29th, 2020)



- The Illinois Department of Children & Family Services is responsible for licensing oversight and enforcement.
- Prior to re-opening licensed programs submit Reopening Plan to DCFS detailing how provider intends to meet new health & safety standards.
 - Daily health checks for all persons entering program.
 - Limited entrance at drop off/pick up.
 - Cleaning procedures throughout day, at closing, and between shifts.
 - Plan to provide PPE for all staff & children and train staff on use.
- Enhanced Staffing Plan
 - Children are kept in same group and with same teacher/staff throughout entirety of day.
- Group Sizes
 - Reduced group sizes.
 - Groups cannot be combined at any time, including on playgrounds.

Restore Illinois Child Care Guidance

(Updated August 17th, 2020)

- In addition to DCFS Licensing Regulations, additional child care guidance has been issued.
- Social Distancing Practices
- PPE Face Coverings
 - Effective 8/7/2020
 - Child care programs shall require children & staff over the age of two and able to medically tolerate a face covering to cover nose & mouth while on premises.
- Hygiene & Health Practices
- License Exempt Centers
 - Allowance of centers exempt from DCFS licensing requirements allowed to provide services for school aged children during remote learning days as specified by school district.



Connecting Families with Child Care Services-II

Parent Referral Services

- Families seeking child care may contact our office to receive free child care referral services.
- Our Parent Referral Specialist will work with parents to identify the best child care fit for their families.

Parent Education Services

- Our Parent Referral Specialist is available to assist parents with better understanding the variety of child care options available as well as important information regarding parent choice in child care and selecting the best fit for their families.

309-205-3070 Option 3

Connecting Families with Child Care Financial Assistance-IL

Income Eligibility

- Income for a new application must be at 200% or below of the Federal Poverty Level for a family to be income eligible for the Illinois Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP).
- All families pay a portion of the cost of care as a co-payment. The amount is based on income and family size. Families may be approved for full-time, part-time, or before after school care.

Family Size	Maximum Monthly Income (Gross before taxes)
2	\$2,874
3	\$3,620
4	\$4,367
5	\$5,114
6	\$5,860
7	\$6,607
8	\$7,354

Income guidelines as of July 1, 2020.

Eligible Activities

- Parents/guardians are working and meet income requirements.
- Parents/guardians receive TANF and are in an education, training, or other work activity approved by caseworker.
- Parents/guardians are attending education or training activities including ESL, high school equivalence, GED, vocational training, and 2- and 4- year college degree programs.

School Aged Child Care Slots

-Rock Island County-

- Rock Island County Population of 6-12 year olds: 11,700
 - Source: 2018 Census Data-Illinois Early Childhood Asset Map

Care Arrangement	Pre-COVID	Current Estimates
Licensed Child Care Centers	474	332 (70%)
Licensed-Exempt Child Care Centers	150	105 (70%)
Licensed Family Child Care Centers	357 (est)	214 (60%)
Totals	981	651

- *Based on program capacity as reported in Child Care Resource & Referral provider database system.*
- *Does not include:*
 - *Friend, family, and neighbor care (ie licensed exempt homes).*
 - *Newly approved license-exempt center sites.*