



Oregon

Kate Brown, Governor

Early Learning Division



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Dear Provider,

As part of the statewide plan to reopen Oregon, Governor Brown released new guidance today for child care providers. The [Statewide Standards for Child Care Operations](#) is posted online and will take effect Friday, May 15, 2020.

It is important to note: **only approved Emergency Child Care (ECC) providers are permitted to continue operating.** Under the Governor's previous [Executive Order 20-19](#), licensed child care facilities not approved for emergency care should remain closed until the order is lifted by the Governor. If you closed your child care and now wish to reopen, you may do so if approved by the Office of Child Care after submitting an [ECC application](#).

Some of the key changes in the new guidance include the following:

- Providers must continue to prioritize care for [essential workers](#) and may also serve families who return to work in phased reopening.
- Providers must continue to offer care in stable groups of 10 children; however, a program may allow some families to “swap” slots between days. For example, *Child A* attends Monday, Wednesday, Friday and *Child B* attends Tuesday and Thursday. In this scenario, there may not be more than 12 children in a stable group.
- Keep daily logs for each stable group that comply with requirements to support contact tracing of cases if necessary.
- Continue to adhere to the [health and safety guidelines](#) developed by the Early Learning Division (ELD) and Oregon Health Authority.

Oregon child care providers are invited to join a virtual meeting hosted by the ELD in English on [Thursday, May 14 at 6 p.m.](#) and in Spanish on [Saturday, May 16 at 11 a.m.](#) During this meeting, the ELD and the Oregon Health Authority will review the guidance and offer an opportunity for live questions (via the chat feature). Details about the meetings can be found on the ELD's COVID-19 [“For Providers” section](#) of the website.

Providers can also contact their licensing specialist or send questions to the ELD by email at ProviderContact@state.or.us.

Thank you for your continued work to support children and families at this time.

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