



Oregon

Kate Brown, Governor

Early Learning Division



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Dear Provider,

The Early Learning Division (ELD) wants you to know how the state is managing the release of information about cases of COVID-19 involving child care facilities.

As you know, child care providers are required to report cases to local public health. Public health officials manage the release of official data.

Oregon Health Authority (OHA) is releasing information about outbreaks in child care facilities using the following criteria:

- In [OHA's Wednesday Weekly Report](#), the agency publishes the total number of Oregon facilities—no matter how many children they enroll—that have had **five or more cases**. The case counts will not be broken out by children and staff.

The report also includes child care facility names and total number of cases among children and staff for any facility that currently enrolls 30 or more children, **and** has five or more cases.

- ELD's [COVID-19 information page](#) provides a link to the part of the OHA report that discusses child care facilities.

ELD's role is to support providers by offering guidance on [safety and health standards for operations during COVID-19](#), developed in partnership with OHA. This includes exclusion guidelines for illness and procedures for confirmed cases of COVID-19 in child care.

Our guidance requires child care facilities to report and consult with their local public health authority regarding cleaning and closure, along with reporting any cluster of illness among the facility's staff or attendees. Child care facilities are not required but are encouraged to report cases and closures to ELD. This reporting condition may be revised in the future.

Thank you for your continued work to serve children and families in Oregon.

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