



Oregon

Kate Brown, Governor

Early Learning Division



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Dear Provider,

In a [July letter](#), the Early Learning Division (ELD) shared how the state releases information about COVID-19 cases in child care facilities. Providers are required to report cases to their local public health authority, and the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) releases data on outbreaks in a [Weekly COVID-19 Report](#).

In order to provide a more comprehensive picture of cases occurring in child care, OHA is updating its criteria for reporting. Starting this week, the report will include child care facility names and total number of cases among children and staff for any facility that currently **has capacity for more than 16 children and has two or more cases**, provided they are not siblings (or same household). Previously, the criteria for reporting was a facility that enrolled 30 or more children, and had five or more cases.

ELD's ["Health and Safety Guidelines for Child Care and Early Education Operating During COVID-19"](#) 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. The guidelines also require child care facilities to report confirmed cases to ELD's Office of Child Care (see section 11 "Responding to Possible and Confirmed Cases of COVID-19").

Find resources, updated FAQs, and OHA's Weekly COVID-19 Report on ELD's [COVID-19 webpage](#).

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

Sincerely,

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