



Oregon

Kate Brown, Governor

Early Learning Division



September 17, 2020

Dear Registered Family (RF) Provider,

The Early Learning Division (ELD) is notifying you of a change related to the “Group Size and Stable Group” section included in the [“Health & Safety Guidelines for Child Care and Early Education Operating During COVID-19.”](#) **Effective immediately, RF providers can have up to 16 children in a stable group, also known as your “team.”**

In the original guidelines issued on August 14, 2020, the stable group number was 12. ELD heard from RF providers that this did not allow you to have enough part-time children. We also recognize that other providers have larger groups. Your maximum children on site is still 10, but you can now have 16 children enrolled so different children can be on site on different days.

Allowing more children in the group does increase the risk of spreading COVID-19. We want to stress that it is even more important to wear face coverings, physically distance from others when possible, wash hands frequently, and follow the other safety and health requirements contained in the guidelines.

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

Sincerely,

Amy Joyce
Child Care Director
Early Learning Division