



Oregon

Kate Brown, Governor

Early Learning Division



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Dear Provider,

On Friday, [Governor Brown announced](#) a “Two-Week Pause” on social activities to help stop the rapid spread of COVID-19 in Oregon. “Pause” measures will be in effect for two weeks, from Nov. 11 through Nov. 25, for **Malheur, Marion, Multnomah, Jackson, and Umatilla Counties**. Based on increasing statewide case counts, as well as increased sporadic case rates, four additional counties—**Washington, Baker, Union, and Clackamas**—were added today to the Two-Week Pause. The rise in cases is not linked to specific workplace or school outbreaks but the community spread of the virus, which include small social gatherings or one-on-one meetings.

The Two-Week Pause does not affect measures in place for Emergency Child Care providers. Providers should continue to follow the [“Health and Safety Guidelines for Child Care and Early Education Operating During COVID-19.”](#) This pause is not the same as a county [returning to baseline](#).

We are grateful for your efforts to keep your staff and families safe while operating during the pandemic. Returning our school-aged students to in-person instruction is a priority for the Governor. These pause efforts are designed to slow the spread of COVID-19 and help more counties meet the metrics for in-person instruction.

The Two-Week Pause measures include:

- Urging all businesses to mandate work from home to the greatest extent possible.
- Pausing long-term care facility visits that take place indoors to protect staff and residents.
- Reducing maximum restaurant capacity to 50 people (including customers and staff) for indoor dining, with a maximum party size of six. Continuing to encourage outdoor dining and take out.
- Reducing the maximum capacity of other indoor activities to 50 people (includes gyms, fitness organizations/studios, bowling alleys, ice rinks, indoor sports, pools, and museums). **Please note: this does not impact group size requirements in Emergency Child Care.**
- Limiting social gatherings to your household, or no more than six people if the gathering includes those from outside your household, reducing the frequency of those social gatherings (significantly in a two-week period), and keeping the same six people in your social gathering circle.

You can find additional resources and Frequently Asked Questions on the Early Learning Division’s [COVID-19 “For Providers” page](#).

We appreciate your continued efforts to support families and children in Oregon.

Thank you,

The Early Learning Division