



Oregon

Kate Brown, Governor

Early Learning Division



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Dear Provider,

As Oregon transitions from emergency response to focus on COVID-19 recovery, we are sharing [Child Care Provider COVID-19 Requirements and Recommendations](#) for health and safety practices moving forward, effective June 30, 2021. Existing COVID-19 Health and Safety Guidelines will no longer be in effect.

Child care providers will still be required to follow general exclusion protocol and have a written communicable disease management plan that must include:

- A protocol to notify the [Local Public Health Authority](#) (LPHA) of any confirmed COVID-19 cases among children or staff.
- A protocol for exclusion of individuals with COVID-19 or susceptible to COVID-19 consistent with Oregon Health Authority rules in OAR 333, Division 19.
- A protocol to end program activities if cases or risk levels warrant.
- A process for keeping daily logs and record-keeping to assist state or local public health authorities with contact tracing, consistent with Oregon Health Authority rules.
- A designated COVID-19 “Point of Contact” to facilitate communication, maintain healthy operations, and respond to COVID-19 questions from state or local public health authorities, state or local regulatory agencies, families and staff. All staff and families should be provided the contact information for the COVID-19 “Point of Contact.”

On June 24, 2021, the Early Learning Council [approved temporary rules](#) for licensed programs to allow continued use of hand sanitizer in certain circumstances, expanded use of Aide 2 staff, as well as transition time for online CPR training to meet licensing requirements.

Additionally, on June 7, 2021, ELD paused accepting Emergency Background Check (EBC) applications. No **new** EBC applications will be accepted in preparation of resuming typical Central Background Registry (CBR) enrollment processes on June 29, 2021. Individuals with EBC approval will no longer be approved for licensed child care employment on August 31, 2021. For an individual to continue employment at a licensed child care after August 31, 2021, the individual must apply and be conditionally or actively enrolled in the CBR. For more information and to download an application, visit oregonearlylearning.com/providers-educators/providers-educatorscbr/.

If you have other questions, please contact your licensing specialist or email us at ProviderContact@state.or.us.

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

Thank you,

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