

# California's Roadmap to Modify the Stay- at-Home Order: Support for Working Families

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Recommended effective date  
no sooner than: **June 12, 2020**

*All guidance should be implemented only with county health officer approval following their review of local epidemiological data including cases per 100,000 population, rate of test positivity, and local preparedness to support a health care surge, vulnerable populations, contact tracing, and testing.*



# OVERVIEW

As stay-at-home orders are lifted for additional industries to promote California's economic recovery, the need for child care and other supports for working families increases.

The information below will assist you in locating child care, finding assistance to pay for child care, and connecting you to additional supports for your family.



## Child Care Availability

- Many child care centers and family child care homes are still open. Visit <https://covid19.ca.gov/childcare/> to view an interactive map of licensed child care providers near you. All programs are required to take additional health and safety precautions and preventive measures.
- Please contact your [local child care resource and referral agency](#) or **1-800-KIDS-793** to find out more about child care availability and child care subsidies if you need help paying for child care.
- In addition to the state portal and state funding options, employers and labor unions also have resources, including [Carina Care](#) to assist with child care needs.



## Types of Child Care

- Licensed Family Child Care Homes and Centers
  - [The California Department of Social Services, Child Care Licensing Program](#) supports licensed facilities, family child care homes and child care centers, by ensuring they meet established health and safety standards through monitoring facilities, providing technical assistance, and establishing partnerships.
  - [The California Department of Education \(CDE\), Early Learning and Care Division](#) directly contracts with organizations to provide subsidized child care programs. The CDE has issued guidance and is offering technical assistance to ensure health and safety guidelines are implemented to keep children, families, and staff safe during the current emergency.

- Family, Friend, and Neighbor Care (FFN)
  - Individuals who provide care for their own children, and children from only **one** other family. This type of child care does not need a child care license and is legally exempt (license-exempt) from licensure. More information on FFN care is available [here](#).
  - TrustLine is a powerful resource if you want to hire a nanny or license-exempt child care provider. All child care providers listed with TrustLine have submitted their fingerprints to the California Department of Justice and have no disqualifying criminal convictions in California.

To check if a provider is registered on TrustLine call **1-800-822-8490** or visit <http://trustline.org/>



## Families Receiving State Subsidies

All families enrolled prior to the Emergency Voucher program have the option to return to care. All currently enrolled families will have the option to stay in care, or return to care, before any new essential worker families are enrolled. There is no deadline for currently enrolled children to return to care.



## Supports for Families with High Risk Family Members

Children with family members at home who are at higher risk for more severe COVID-19, including individuals over 65 years of age and those with compromised immune systems and certain underlying health conditions, are encouraged to stay home. You may consider in-home care, see *FFN care* above. Please also see *additional support for families* listed below on resources that may provide financial relief.



## Supports for Families with Children with Disabilities

- You may be eligible for a child care subsidy if your children have disabilities or special health care needs and their individualized education programs (IEP) and/or individual family support plans (IFSP) include early learning services. Please contact your local resource and referral agency or call **1-800-KIDS-793** to find out how to be connected with Emergency Childcare. [Contact information for local resource and referral agencies can be found here:](#)  
<https://www.cde.ca.gov/sp/cd/re/ragencylist.asp>
- Early intervention services for infants and toddlers with disabilities and their families are provided in a coordinated, family-centered system of services that are available statewide. For more information, visit:  
<https://www.dds.ca.gov/services/early-start/what-is-early-start/>
- California provides specially designed instruction, at no cost to parents, to meet the unique needs of children with disabilities. Visit:  
<https://www.cde.ca.gov/sp/se/qa/pssummary.asp>



## Additional Supports for Families

- California Coronavirus (COVID-19) Resources: <https://covid19.ca.gov/>
- If you have been financially affected by COVID-19, you may be eligible for: Unemployment insurance, Paid family leave, Disability Insurance, Relief from financial institutions, Statewide moratorium on evictions, [Student loan relief](#). <https://covid19.ca.gov/get-financial-help/>
- If you are working, your employer may be able to provide child care supports for you and your family. Ask your employer about flexible spending accounts, or dependent care assistance plans to pay for child care with pre-tax dollars
- Additional programs that you, and your family, may qualify for:  
<https://www.cdss.ca.gov/>

