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Dear child care providers,

We are grateful for the responsible measures child care providers in Utah have voluntarily implemented up to this point to properly deal with COVID-19. To continue operating in a safe, healthy fashion and to make sure we contribute and properly respond to the community health and economic reactivation, the Child Care Licensing program in the Department of Health announces the following **Phase 3, Temporary Emergency Conditions** for child care providers. These changes will apply until further notice from the Utah Department of Health.

**Effective June 1, 2020**, any child care provider must adhere to the following Phase 3, Temporary Emergency Conditions, in addition to the health and safety rules for each facility type, in order to stay open for business:

### Changes to Licensing

1. The department will start issuing new licenses and certificates for applicants that meet Child Care Licensing requirements.
2. Emergency Child Care (ECC) locations can only operate as per One Utah Child Care guidelines. Instructions for this temporary facility type are found at <https://jobs.utah.gov/covid19/oneutahcc.pdf>
3. Providers who decide to close temporarily do not lose their license, unless they decide to close permanently.

### Emergency Conditions of Operation

#### For Center Providers

1. With the exception of school-age children, providers must restrict indoor groups of people to 20 or less. These groups include children and caregivers. Providers must ensure that each group of children has the appropriate caregiver-to-child ratio.
2. When all the children in an indoor group are school-age children, providers may have up to 20 children and one caregiver in the group.
3. For outdoor activities, providers may allow groups of up to 40 children as long as their outdoor square footage is enough for the number of children to be outside. The number of people including caregivers cannot exceed 50, and providers

- must ensure that each group of children has the appropriate caregiver-to-child ratio.
4. If their approved capacity is for more than 20 children, center providers can allow more than one group of people in the facility **only if** each group is in a separate room with full, solid walls that are higher than six feet.
  5. The provider must not allow groups to gather together while indoors, even for short times or special activities.

#### **For Home and Center Providers**

6. The provider must ensure that staff, children, household members, and visitors are screened for fever, cough, trouble breathing, sore throat, sudden change in taste or smell, and muscle aches and pains at the beginning of the day and upon arrival, and not allow any symptomatic individuals to enter the facility. Anyone with any of these symptoms should be sent home and tested for COVID-19.
7. The provider must ensure that anyone coming into the facility wash their hands with soap and running water or alcohol-based hand sanitizer before touching any facility surface.
8. The provider must restrict off-site activities to places or environments where social distance and proper cleaning practices can be controlled. Public playgrounds must be avoided. If using public restrooms, the provider must ensure that children have access to cleaning wipes to clean surfaces before they use them and that handwashing with soap and water or hand sanitizer is available.
9. The provider must ensure that surfaces, items, and areas that are used and touched often are cleaned and sanitized at least daily and before a new group uses the room.
10. If there is a confirmed case of COVID-19 at the facility, the provider must consult with their local health department and follow their instructions.
11. Child care providers must close temporarily or permanently if they cannot comply with any of the above-listed, temporary emergency protocols.

Please read any updates about the development of this temporary situation at [jobs.utah.gov/covid19](https://jobs.utah.gov/covid19) and at [coronavirus.utah.gov](https://coronavirus.utah.gov).

Thank you for helping us protect the health and safety of Utah children.



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