



# COVID-19 & CHILD CARE IN PENNSYLVANIA

## CHILD CARE CLOSURES

Governor Tom Wolf announced the Closure of All Businesses That Are Not Life-Sustaining on March 19, 2020, and child care is not considered life-sustaining on the [list](#). Child cares have been asked to remain closed until the Governor lifts the order but child care is still available for life-sustaining personnel.

## WAIVER TO PROVIDE CHILD CARE FOR LIFE SUSTAINING PERSONNEL

Governor Wolf recognizes the importance of caring for the children of life-sustaining personnel, which is why the Office of Child Development and Early Learning created the Exemption to Operate During Temporary Closure waiver for child care programs.

To see a list of child care programs operating on a waiver, visit the Department of Human Services' COVID-19 Resources [Child Care Centers Map](#).

Family Child Care Homes and Group Child Care Homes operating in a residence are permitted to remain open without a waiver and operate at their own discretion.

## EARLY LEARNING RESOURCE CENTERS (ELRC) CAN HELP!

- ELRCs can help working families by assisting them in finding open child cares with waivers in your area.
- ELRCs can assist families with applying for CCW (child care subsidy) or finding other community resources they may need during this time, such as food pantries.
- Locate your ELRC at [www.raiseyourstar.org](http://www.raiseyourstar.org)

