

## **Child Care Available to Essential Personnel**

On March 18, Governor Cuomo issued an Executive Order directing school districts to develop a plan for child care, with an emphasis on serving children of parents who are employed by essential businesses and entities that are critical to the COVID-19 response effort.

Child care placement is available to personnel who provide essential services, supplies, or support during this time. If you believe that you may qualify, please call the Oneida-Herkimer-Madison Child Care Resource Center at 315-223-7850 extension 222 or email [earlycareandlearning@cornell.edu](mailto:earlycareandlearning@cornell.edu).

Thank you to all essential personnel who continue to protect and support our community. Please be safe, and whenever possible, stay at home.

The following list is intended as a guide, but not an exhaustive list of professions or occupations eligible for prioritized childcare. Essential businesses and entities include:

- Essential Health Care Operations, Including:
  - research and laboratory services
  - hospitals
  - walk-in-care health facilities
  - emergency veterinary and livestock services
  - elder care
  - medical wholesale and distribution
  - home health care workers or aides for the elderly
  - doctor and emergency dental
  - nursing homes, or residential health care facilities or congregate care facilities
  - medical supplies and equipment manufacturers and providers
- Essential Infrastructure, Including:
  - utilities including power generation, fuel supply and transmission
  - public water and wastewater
  - telecommunications and data centers
  - airports/airlines
  - transportation infrastructure such as bus, rail, or for-hire vehicles, garages
  - hotels, and places of accommodation
- Essential Manufacturing, Including:
  - food processing, manufacturing agents, including all foods and beverages
  - chemicals
  - medical equipment/instruments
  - pharmaceuticals
  - sanitary products
  - telecommunications
  - microelectronics/semi-conductor
  - agriculture/farms

- household paper products
- Essential Retail, Including:
  - grocery stores including all food and beverage stores
  - pharmacies
  - convenience stores
  - farmer's markets
  - gas stations
  - restaurants/bars (but only for take-out/delivery)
  - hardware and building material stores
- Essential Services, Including:
  - trash and recycling collection, processing and disposal
  - mail and shipping services
  - laundromats
  - building cleaning and maintenance
  - child care services
  - auto repair
  - warehouse/distribution and fulfillment
  - funeral homes, crematoriums and cemeteries
  - storage for essential businesses
  - animal shelters
- News Media
  - financial Institutions, Including:
- Banks
  - insurance
  - payroll
  - accounting
  - services related to financial markets
- Providers of Basic Necessities to Economically Disadvantaged Populations, Including:
  - homeless shelters and congregate care facilities
  - food banks
  - human services providers whose function includes the direct care of patients in state-licensed or funded voluntary programs; the care, protection, custody and oversight of individuals both in the community and in state-licensed residential facilities; those operating community shelters and other critical human services agencies providing direct care or support
- Construction, Including:
  - skilled trades such as electricians, plumbers
  - other related construction firms and professionals for essential infrastructure or for emergency repair and safety purposes
- Defense
  - defense and national security-related operations supporting the U.S. Government or a contractor to the US government
- Essential Services Necessary to Maintain the Safety, Sanitation and Essential Operations of Residences or Other Essential Businesses, Including:

- law enforcement
  - fire prevention and response
  - building code enforcement
  - Security
  - emergency management and response
  - building cleaners or janitors
  - general maintenance whether employed by the entity directly or a vendor
  - automotive repair
  - disinfection
- Vendors that Provide Essential Services or Products, Including Logistics and Technology Support, Child Care and Services:
  - logistics
  - technology support for online services
  - child care programs and services
  - government owned or leased buildings
  - essential government services