

Temporary Child Care Program Frequently Asked Questions

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Governor Pete Ricketts signed Executive Order 20-08 on March 26, 2020 waiving certain requirements regarding the Child Care Licensing Act. The Department has developed the following FAQ to provide information to the public, faith-based, and community partners related to this recent Executive Order. The Department will provide frequent updates as new questions are received.

I'm a school district, faith-based, or community partner looking to open a site. What do I need to do?

If your organization would like to participate in this essential service to your community, please contact Nicole Vint, CCDF Administrator at (402) 471-1878 or Nicole.Vint@Nebraska.gov.

What are the requirements to start a temporary child care?

In addition to contacting program staff noted above, an organization must also complete and submit the Notification for Participation form that can be viewed [here](#). Most importantly, to participate, your organization must comply with all requirements outlined in Executive Order 20-08.

All individuals volunteering or working at the program must pass background checks which will be conducted free of charge by the Department. Instructions are provided by clicking [here](#).

The Department will conduct the following checks: the Nebraska Child Abuse/Neglect Registry, the Nebraska Adult Abuse and Neglect Central Registry, the State Patrol Sex Offenders Registry, and local and State law enforcement agencies.

What is the timeline to get a temporary child care program up and running?

As quickly as possible. The Department has created a streamlined process to help you provide this essential service to your community.

If my program intends to serve school-age children only, do I need to provide notification?

No. A program for school-age children during this extended break from school is exempt from licensing and does not need to follow the process outlined in the Executive Order.

How long will temporary child care programs be offered to families?

Temporary child care programs can continue up to thirty days after the State's emergency declaration has ended.

Are individual organizations responsible for organizing and running the program?

Yes. Each organization should have a site director who is responsible for operating the program. The determination on who will serve as the site director should be made by each organization as appropriate.

Will these temporary child care programs serve all children in the community?

The Department is asking programs to serve as many children of essential personnel as can be done safely and appropriately, complying with all requirements outlined in the E.O. 20-08.

How should cleaning be done during programming?

Organizations should utilize proper cleaning procedures, including, but not limited to, daily cleaning and disinfecting of commonly used surfaces and items, such as tables, chairs, toys, etc., and other items must occur. Once-weekly deep cleaning may supplement some of the daily cleaning. All sites should be cleaned before opening as a temporary child care program location. You can access resources related to proper cleaning procedures related to COVID-19 by clicking [here](#).

