

Child Care Services Daily Update- March 20, 2020

Dear Child Care Providers,

The Tennessee Department of Human Services (TDHS) will continue to provide you with the most current information pertaining to Adult and Child Care programs. We will continue to remain diligent in keeping this site current.

We have heard from several licensed agencies of their intent to remain open and their current availability to accept children. We are working closely with our Tennessee Child Care Resource & Referral (CCR&R) partner to assist us with collecting information from you on your available slots and to share this information with families within the community of your location who are seeking child care.

If you are open and available to accept additional children, please contact the CCR&R agency in your area with how many children you are able to serve. The numbers are below:

East & Upper East CCR&R	865-974-7750 (may have to leave a voice mail)
Mid Cumberland CCR&R	931-648-3695; 101 (may have to leave a voice mail)
Shelby County CCR&R	901-287-4748
South Central CCR&R	931-548-9835
Southeast CCR&R	866-296-3422
Southwest CCR&R	731-394-6626
Upper Cumberland CCR&R	931-319-4876

Consistent with prior communications, please continue notifying your program evaluator about how COVID-19 is impacting your agency.

If your agency is impacted by COVID-19 (such as confirmed case of a child or educator), we ask that you contact your Licensing Program Evaluator via email. The email should include the following:

- Agency Name and Address
- Contact Name and Contact information
- How your agency has been impacted by COVID-19
- Plan of action for your agency
 - For example: if an educator is sick, will you engage a substitute? Close the agency? If your agency is closed due to known contact; how will your agency clean to reduce further risk? Policy in place to prevent/mitigate future risk? How long you will be closed, if applicable?

Additional Information:

If you are struggling with accessing some basic supplies such as paper products or milk, please reach out to Pat Lawson, plawson@cfmt.org for assistance. Mr. Lawson is with Community Foundation of Middle Tennessee and supports the child care bulk purchasing program.

Guidelines for Programs participating in the Child & Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)

- If you are unable to find enough milk or the correct type of milk, you are allowed to claim the meals.
- With all other food shortages, CACFP is requesting that the child care provider document the shortage and continue to serve meals, but they are likely not going to be able to reimburse centers for meals that are missing components. Centers are allowed to substitute different foods as long as the meal meets all of the meal pattern requirements.
- If you have specific questions, please reach out to your assigned CACFP program specialist.
- The CACFP will continue to update participating CACFP programs if/when they receive information from USDA