

from Alexis Washington to everyone:

Please be sure to mute your phone.

from Vickie DiSanto to everyone:

You are on mute when you enter. If you hit the mute button since entering, you are probably unmuted.

from Vickie DiSanto (privately):

Tara probably warned you: some of them are very bad at muting. And hopefully none will try to present this week.

from Vickie DiSanto to everyone:

Reminder: Jenn will be answering questions from last week's chatbox and those submitted upon registration. If you have a question, type it into the chatbox one time. It will be captured for either the end of the hour (time permitting) or next week.

from Viola.Epps to everyone:

HI, we can't hear you.

from lhowk to everyone:

cant hear you

from Sarah Meytin to everyone:

much background feedback

from Barbara Dubik to everyone:

I had to join by phone to hear

from Shirley T. Holley to everyone:

I can't here anything

from lhowk to everyone:

Jenn, we can't hear you.

from jkemper to everyone:

There is feedback because not all participants are muted. Beverly Higgs, for example. And others.

from Miama Walter to everyone:

Cannot hear you.

from Aletheia McCaskill to everyone:

we can't hear

from Viola.Epps to everyone:

I can't hear you

from DONNA GILLIAM to everyone:

Can not hear you.

from Carol Lomax to everyone:

Good Afternoon I can not hear

from npierre to everyone:

For those that were in the middle of the MSDE Accreditation process will our 2 year time period be extended due to COVID?

from gmorton to everyone:

cant hear

from jkemper to everyone:

Make sure your sound is turned on and up.

from Viola.Epps to everyone:

It's up to 95

from Sue Ann Salimbene to everyone:

Will COVID training be required at some point?

from CaseyR to everyone:

does the OCC have a list of funding opportunities for child care providers?

from jkemper to everyone:

Jenn just answered the COVID training question. The class will be rolled out soon and there will be time for all providers to take it.

from lbudd to everyone:

To NPierre: programs working in Maryland Accreditation are protected. Please see our COVID-19 information on the Division's website. Link is here and accreditation is near the bottom.
<https://earlychildhood.marylandpublicschools.org/maryland-excels-during-covid-19>

from Monica McGirt to everyone:

I feel as though the public schools are only concerned about 9:00 - 3:30ish time period and don't get that it takes a village--especially now. Do they not realize that it is the same children in the same community? Many will go to child care, karate class, dance class, etc. A model that alternates days will create great hardship on the sanitation duties in between groups, enrollment numbers, scheduling for parents, etc.

from Harmony Wilson to everyone:

Will we be able to work directly with schools at our center to get information when we have schoolagers working with us during these times? It was difficult to get information from parents sometimes last spring when trying to make sure students get their virtual classwork done.

from Lisa Toles-Felton to everyone:

Will there be special guidelines for Before/Aftercare programs that operate in a large spaces like a gym?
Will we be able to have more that 15?

from Ruth Claytor to everyone:

I was distracted...field trips--is it a mandate that no field trips happen or a recommendation to not do them?

from melissa L to everyone:

Is there any indication that sickness has increased since more centers have opened??

from Nancy Barry to everyone:

still can't hear

from Joanne Kelsey to everyone:

School age care is my major concern and why I am listening.

from Barbara Dubik to everyone:

join by phone to hear

to John and Mary Home (privately):

Please mute your computer mic

from Monica McGirt to everyone:

I am also concerned that if we have school-age students all day (my center serves 4 elementary schools), that my present IT capabilities will be not be adequate to accommodate many students on line at once. To meet the IT needs will require an expensive update of our system, but there are no funds for that. Has this been addressed?

to John and Mary Home (privately):

Please mute your microphone

from Joanne Kelsey to everyone:

I think what Jen was saying is that the school systems should be helping us with IT capabilities but they have not seemed very capable of doing this

from Tionna to everyone:

the center i work for does not have walls or half wall to separate the classes however the owner is forcing us to run at 100% i thought that we were only in phase 2 which mean we were only at 50%

from Lisa Toles-Felton to everyone:

Do you recommend staggered drop off and pick-ups for PK programs in schools?

from Flora Gee to everyone:

Centers closing every week-is that CONFIRMED OR SUSPECTED?

from Sandy Raynes to everyone:

How much by capacity as before COVID?

from christina peusch to everyone:

Right flora!!

from Shelly Regars to everyone:

Is the reopening date when children start or when employees come in to get ready?

from Harmony Wilson to everyone:

Capacity should be no more than 15 in a room.

from Erin Moxley to everyone:

Tionna - There should not be more than 15 people in a room

from Monica McGirt to everyone:

Since the White House is now requiring all hospital data be reported directly to them instead of the CDC, how can we trust the CDC as the guidance for reopening?

from Flora Gee to everyone:

JENN TOO FAST! WHAT PERCENTAGE OF CENTERS ARE NOW OPEN?

from Carol Lomax to everyone:

If a classroom for three-year olds is licensed to hold ten students and with the new guidelines which are fourteen children, do you follow the new guidelines or the old guidelines. Should it be ten children in the room or fourteen children?

from Jocelyn Pollard to everyone:

65%

from Rebecca Willson to everyone:

69%

from Becky Bozarth to everyone:

Carol, if your room is not licensed for more than 10 then you cannot have more than 10

from Harmony Wilson to everyone:

Follow old guidelines. Don't do more than you're licensed for.

from Erin Moxley to everyone:

69 % are opened. 75% of those programs are family child care providers

from christina peusch to everyone:

Everything related to COVID is self report

They are not closing only because of confirmed but suspected COVID but while testing is being done and the testing time has increased which is also problematic

from Martina Washington to everyone:

My center is trying to start a school age program and need some information how to start. I reached out to my licenser but haven't received any help who can I contact or get information to get this started?

from Tionna to everyone:

the rooms can barely hold 15 children on a regularer day how is it possible to properly social distance

from Shelly Regars to everyone:

Are we still limited to 15 in a group?

from jkemper to everyone:

Carol Lomax: you cannot exceed your licensed capacity for a classroom. But if your room is licensed for more than 14 children, you can't have more than 14 (if you choose to have only one teacher).

from Flora Gee to everyone:

69% IS THE COMBINED FQAMILY AQND CENTERS. I WANT THE PERCENT OF CENTERS ONLY. LAST WEEK IT WAS 25%

from Rebecca Willson to everyone:

Still the same Flora

from Fetters, Becky to everyone:

Can you explain why families are asked to take temperatures rather than having program staff to take them?

from Alexis Washington to everyone:

Room size limits and ratios: Group size in child care centers is expanded to a maximum of 15 individuals at a time per classroom with a ratio of no more than 1 teacher for 14 children ages three and above and the teacher must be qualified. Family child care and large family child care programs are limited to the number of children for which they are licensed at one time and no more than 15 persons total including residents. All child care programs must continue to adhere to the allowable group size by age in licensing regulations.

from Flora Gee to everyone:

25% OF CENTERS OPEN MEANS 75% ARE CLOSED

from jkemper to everyone:

Jenn said that of the 69% open, 76% of these are family child care and 24% are centers.

from Flora Gee to everyone:

OH! ONLY 24%!

from Marla Houston Marshall to everyone:

When you stated no more than 15 people in 1 room does that mean if your center is separated by cubbies is that considered separate rooms or is that considered 1 rooms?

from jkemper to everyone:

So that would be equal less than 24% of all centers are open.

from Shelly Regars to everyone:

it's 24% of 69%

from christina peusch to everyone:

Correct flora and that means tens of thousands of slots not available for children should families need access -

from Deborah Duffy to everyone:

Is there still money in the MD COVID Small Business Emergency Relief Fund? We applied for a grant, but our application status has not changed since we submitted it.

from Barbara Dubik to everyone:

PG virtual for schools till 1/21

from jkemper to everyone:

Marla: however your classroom capacity is set by your licensed. If a room is licensed to hold 15 children, you can't cut it up into two spaces with cubbies. but if you have 2 rooms with a licensed capacity of 15 each, then you can now have up to 14 children in each room.

from Vanessa Fitzgerald to everyone:

Is it not that your school age children do not count in your numbers when licensed? If so why would they not allow school age children?

from Tionna to everyone:

right Marla thats my question because in an earlier session it was stated if you did not have atleast half walls your numbers could not go up

from Flora Gee to everyone:

SO BAD FOR FAMLIES AND STAFF ONCE THE \$600 NOT AVAILABLE FROM UI

from Monica McGirt to everyone:

My friend who works at Shopper's Food Warehouse is getting \$2 and hour extra hazard pay. What about this for child care since we are front-line workers nowl.

from Sandy Raynes to everyone:

It would be more helpful to know the number of slots available along with the number of programs open

from Katie Brooks to everyone:

When a family travels to an at risk state...do we need to have them self quarantine before bringing children back to us?? Travel to Miami FL. North Carolina?

from Flora Gee to everyone:

@BARBARA UNTIL 1/29/2021

from Carol Lomax to everyone:

If the classroom is licensed for 20 students with 2 teachers at this time, how many children can be in the classroom with the two teachers?

from Anjanette to everyone:

Can you please tell me where in the guidance is the written information for the playground cleaning?

from Barbara Dubik to everyone:

yes Flora

from Donna Marie to everyone:

So if we have virtual and the children are not considered in care. What does that do to our license ? Considered not operating ?

from Robin Curtis to everyone:

@ Carol Lomax... 13 kids and 2 teachers MAX

from Flora Gee to everyone:

WITH OUR NUMBERS SPIKING AGAIN, WILL THE GOVERNOR KEEP CHILDCARE OPEN EVEN IF HE SHUTS DOWN OTHER BUSINESSES

to teffina Walker (privately):

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from Shelly Regars to everyone:

Is our opening date when kids come in or when staff comes in to get ready?

from Monica McGirt to everyone:

I was EPCC approved in April, but still have not received our \$1600 for PPE and cleaning products. I DID submit the tax document. What is the deal? On top of reduced enrollment and higher payroll, we really need this money now!

from Chrissy Shawver to everyone:

Are the centers who have active covid cases due to positive children or staff or both?

from Leslie Foretich to everyone:

can you provide us with the actual numbers of positive Covid numbers in preschools?

from Barbara Dubik to everyone:

We are having a parent meeting this evening to discuss reopening. Our children come back Monday.

from Monica McGirt to everyone:

August 14 is ridiculous!

from Leeah to everyone:

I second Chrissy's question

from Leeah to everyone:

and Leslie's question

from Tionna to everyone:

i feel that a letter needs to go out to ownwers because many are under the impression that we can bring back 100% OF THE CHILDREN

from dashendorf to everyone:

Can I transition a preschool classroom to IT? I have not heard back from my agent

from Robin Curtis to everyone:

@Tionna... your LS should be sending all of that info to your Director and it's available online.

from Kim Puller to everyone:

When we receive information that's "guidance" does that mean a suggestion or a requirement. I think this is where the confusion comes in sometimes

from Alexis Washington to everyone:

<https://earlychildhood.marylandpublicschools.org/maryland-child-care-moves-forward-part-state%E2%80%99s-overall-stage-2-recovery>

from William Hegwood to everyone:

Can a parent recieve a voucher for working at home. AKA virtually? How is that approced?

from Katie McCormick to everyone:

I may have misheard, did Jen say that when children are or are not in care the sprayers are okay or not?

from Shelly Regars to everyone:

sprayers never ok

from Jennifer Annema to everyone:

cant use sprayers

from Katie McCormick to everyone:

Thanks, Jennifer!

from Leslie Foretich to everyone:

sprayers not ok when kids in room. they suggest having a bin for dirty toys (mouthed etc.) in soapy water then clean later

from Tionna to everyone:

right kim and i have read the guidance over and over the owner seems to not understand it

from Katie McCormick to everyone:

Okay, so we can use sprayers at the end of the day?

from Shelly Regars to everyone:

NO SPRAYERS EVER

from Leslie Foretich to everyone:

is this application for reopening for everyone? or just people who were EPCC?

from jkemper to everyone:

I'm pretty sure Jenn said that sprayers have not yet been approved for use in the EC classroom. She mentioned a name I didn't recognize but he seems to have the last word.

from Leslie Foretich to everyone:

specials are soccer, dance, yoga etc....i would say no

from Anjanette to everyone:

Where is there any guidance or information on sprayers?

from Monica McGirt to everyone:

We have a 2-gallon sprayer that we fill with bleach-water to disinfect the playground equipment, but never inside.

from Jenn Harvey to everyone:

Why are we unable to to spray bleach water to disinfected ? What are we to use to disinfect all outside equipment , indoor walls , floors and equipment ?

from Alexis Washington to everyone:

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<https://earlychildhood.marylandpublicschools.org/covid-faqs>

from Flora Gee to everyone:

WHY WOULD A THERMOMETER THAT DOESN'T TOUCH THE CHILD NEED DISINFECTING BETWEEN USE?

from Marla Houston Marshall to everyone:

Is it ok if we take the children's temperature upon arrival

from Maria to everyone:

if they have an oral thermometer they have to put that germ infested thing in our face to read it. don't make sense.

from Leslie Foretich to everyone:

what do they mean by sprayers? not just spritzers for when kids are gone? Do they mean electrostatic sprayers?

from aileen to everyone:

Are you talking about aerosol sprays versus electro- static spray guns? Hospitals use them reguarly.

from Katie McCormick to everyone:

I'm wondering about an electro-static sprayer

from jkemper to everyone:

I think people are talking about the sprayers that companies use to disinfect your classroom - like electrostatic sprayers/the ones where you have to wear a hazmat suit to operate.

from Barbara Dubik to everyone:

Today is Save Child Care Day. contact your officials. We need support and funding.

from Tionna to everyone:

and it is so frustrating beacuse i am just an employee she is the owner and is going to do what she wants i feel like she is putting our heath at risk with having us at 100% we can not properly social distance plus we dont know what or who these children have been around that we have not had in our care since March

from Bonita Boone to everyone:

Please clarify the capacity a child care center is allowed to operate.

from Flora Gee to everyone:

YES BARBARA! CALL YOUR SENATORS! WE NEED HELP!

from Leslie Foretich to everyone:

where do you get those plastic face masks?

from Beth Hoch to everyone:

If we cant physically distant the children 6 feet apart for nap will translucent dividers work?

from Leslie Foretich to everyone:

really emphasize to your parents to get regular flu shot before school begins

from Jennifer Farrow to everyone:

what happens when we are shut down because of covid. can we collect unemployment

from Anjanette to everyone:

Sprayers? need clarification as to what they are talking about... Reason for one document of all written guidance...

from Francesca Russo to everyone:

I submitted my personnel list and my LS said it wasn't needed

from Monica McGirt to everyone:

Those of us who work for non-profits have particular concerns since we do not qualify for unemployment.

from Sandy Raynes to everyone:

Tionna - you are in a difficult situation and can talk with a Technical Assistance person at your regional Resource and Referral Agency. Look on the Maryland Family Network website for the one in your county. You could also contact your Licensing Specialist or office found on the MSDE OCC website

from jkemper to everyone:

If you have to shut down due to COVID, parents can apply for special FMLA and their employer has to pay them 2/3 of their regular wages. So they have money to pay you and you have money to pay staff. You can tell parents about this before they come back to care. Your business; your rules.

from Leslie Foretich to everyone:

No hand sanitizer? They said it was ok before?

from amy20 to everyone:

hand sanitizer is ok for teachers, not children

from Daphne Anderson to everyone:

if you have furloughed employees, do we have to resubmit paper work to licensing.

from jkemper to everyone:

Question for Jenn: next week, could you clarify the question and answer about sprayers? What kind of sprayer were you talking about when you said they were not approved? There are so many styles and purposes, we are confused by both the question and answer.

from Rebecca Gautieri to everyone:

Montgomery county says masks for adults and children over 2 years old.

from Lisa Glorioso to everyone:

Please contact your licensing specialist and the health dept. regarding people associated with your facility who have possible or confirmed exposure/symptoms of COVID-19, confirmed COVID-19, anything else questionable and the need or possible need to be tested - they may have further helpful guidance on when that test should be done.

from Leomie Brown to everyone:

you mentioned earlier something about \$200 vs \$800 for family child care and centers, can you repeat at some point.....it was in the very beginning of your talk

from Barbara Dubik to everyone:

\$800 for family \$1600 for centers for reopening cost

from Vickie DiSanto to everyone:

REMINDER: Jenn is answering questions that were submitted prior to this session. Questions in the chatbox are being captured for next week.

from Carol Lomax to everyone:

If you have a no-touch thermometer, is it okay for you to take the children's temperature everyday at the door instead of the parents?

from Leslie Foretich to everyone:

that is what we planned to do, while wearing a mask and gloves....don't trust parents!

from aileen to everyone:

It was my understanding that only parents take temperatures. We could get a noncompliance if we take the temperature.

from Shelly Regars to everyone:

opening date...when kids come in or when staff come in to get ready

from jkemper to everyone:

We have had parents who do not like our thermometers bc they say we tell them their child has a temp when their thermometer says not. So our plan is to have parents take the temp at home before they come and then we will take it at school and record both. We have no-contact thermometers. We also want to track what is "normal" for each child so we can see if there is any temp creep.

from Leslie Foretich to everyone:

what is purpose of only having parents take temps? I don't think they will? We have no contact thermometers we just purchased as well.

from Susan Lawson to everyone:

regarding infant and toddlers, you said anything cloth should be eliminated, however if it is used by the same child (not shared) and then into washing machine with bleach, I assume that is OK?!!

from Carol Lomax to everyone:

How can that be in effect if you are not able to take the child because you are full and it is going to take a part in their attendance?

from Rebecca Gautieri to everyone:

Please clarify what you mean by spray cleaners/sanitizers that we cannot use.

from Marla Houston Marshall to everyone:

If we are teaching virtually is that considered a child being present so that we can get paid through the scholarship program.

from Tionna to everyone:

if the parents are not working should the child be in childcare

from Vickie DiSanto to everyone:

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from Flora Gee to everyone:

SO YOU CAN SUBMIT A VOLUNTARY CLOSURE FOR TWO WEEKS BECAUSE BEFORE 7/20/20 DID NOT COUNT?

from Alexis Washington to everyone:

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from takehia to everyone:

will there be a new/seperate attendance sheet that needs to be used beginning 7/20/20? or do we continue to use the attendance sheets that we already use.

from Maryann to everyone:

That's an equity issue. These parents need help and we should provide them with our resources such as fax machines, email, etc. We shouldn't make it harder.

from Heather to everyone:

Can I get Jenn's email address to send EPCC payment errors please?

from Vickie DiSanto to everyone:

jennifer.nizer@maryland.gov

from Shelly Regars to everyone:

Is our start date when kids come in or when staff comes in to get ready?

from Bri Genter to everyone:

Do you foresee the ratios returning to 1:10 for 3s and 4s in the upcoming months?

from Leslie Foretich to everyone:

ok that is not helpful, the numbers of positive kids/staff would be helpful

from Flora Gee to everyone:

WHAT'S AUGUST 14TH? I MISSED SOMETHING?

from Vickie DiSanto to everyone:

@Flora - school plans due

from Chris Davis to everyone:

deadline date for school plans

from Shelly Regars to everyone:

8/14 is deadline for public schools to tell what they are doing in the Fall

from Flora Gee to everyone:

THNAKS GUYS!

from Director to everyone:

were we supposed to recieve an "updated" license when we submitted our changes due to COVID regualtions?

from Amy to everyone:

Thanks Jen! You're a trooper! Stay safe all...see you next week!

from Brenda Footer to everyone:

please clarify what a sprayer is?

from Shelly Regars to everyone:

Thanks Jen and Renee.

from Flora Gee to everyone:

WHATS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A BOTTLE THAT SAYS AND A BIGGER BOTTLE THAT MISTS? IF NO CHILDREN PRESENT

from Debbie Winn to everyone:

So we can get pd for scholarship if they were not here but enrolled

from Martina Washington to everyone:

What are sprayers?

from Flora Gee to everyone:

bOTTLE THAT SPRAYS VS A GARDEN SPRAYER FOR LARGE AREQAS

from Georgina Ramroop to everyone:

Why arent Lysol sprayers allowed?

from Martina Washington to everyone:

Thank you

from Maryann to everyone:

I understand someone not wanting to be blamed if something goes wrong with their paperwork, but i'd rather take the risk. Advising providers not to help a family by emailing or faxing is very bad advice and means that you don't understand the needs of the families in the voucher program. Sometimes they don't even have paper to print an application Kindness costs nothing.

from Georgina Ramroop to everyone:

Lysol sprayers?

from Chris Davis to everyone:

That is called a FOGGER

from Bri Genter to everyone:

Do you foresee the ratios returning to 1:10 for 3s and 4s in the upcoming months?

from melissa L to everyone:

We have someone who goes room to room to teach a language. Thoughts?

from Carnesha Banks to everyone:

Thank you Maryann. That statement was out of touch.

from Bailey Falcone to everyone:

what about a sprayer for the playground equipment?

from Georgina Ramroop to everyone:

I was always told to spray the room after closing to disinfect the room

from Leslie Foretich to everyone:

thanks so much

from Flora Gee to everyone:

@MARYANN I FEEL COMPELLED TO HELP FAMILIES WITHOUT FAX MACHINES ETC

from Sandra Jackson to everyone:

AMEN MARYANN!!!!

from Martina Washington to everyone:

If it were elaborated more then we wouldn't be asking about the sprayers!

from Georgina Ramroop to everyone:

Yes! Please elaborate about the sprayers

from Paula Sayag to everyone:

If not 100%, what capacity can you have?

from Leslie Foretich to everyone:

the numbers are 15 people, is there a square footage per child guide?

from Jennifer Annema to everyone:

14:1

from Rebecca Willson to everyone:

clearmasks.com

from Becky Bozarth to everyone:

I believe she was stating you cannot use the sprayers that you would use for your yard, like the ones the grocery stores use to spray down the carts.

from Renee Malone to everyone:

can we take kids with runny noses and no fever or coughs

from Admin to everyone:

Can therapists come into the centers?

from Monique Harper to everyone:

We were told several sessions ago that we could use sprayers outside to clean the playground between groups with bleach or CDC approved cleaning solution.

from DebbieBW to everyone:

<https://www.rapidresponseppe.com/product/humanity-shield/>

from Leomie Brown to everyone:

all kids have to have a flue shot?

from ilona to everyone:

I'm a family provider serving 5 families, now I see and hear they all started to do lots of different things like going places, not practicing social distancing. And I'm not comfortable with this. How to deal with that?

from Vickie DiSanto to everyone:

jennifer.nizer@maryland.gov

from Alexis Washington to everyone:

Many of your questions can be here: FAQs and Guidance for Child Care Providers during COVID-19

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from DONNA GILLIAM to everyone:

Immunization....What about families with Religious Rights?

from Jigna Bhatt to everyone:

www.theclearmask.com

from Vickie DiSanto to everyone:

from DONNA GILLIAM to everyone:

Immunization....What about families with Religious Rights?

from Brenda Rivera to everyone:

do all children have to have their flu shots?

from Flora Gee to everyone:

WHY DISINFECT A NOT TOUCH THERMOMETER BETWEEN USE?

from Barbara Dubik to everyone:

Can you answer Monique Harpers question out outside

from Shiny John to everyone:

Immunization website please

from Alexis Washington to everyone:

Be sure to subscribe for Tuesday Tidbits to receive bi-weekly updates from OCC.

<https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/MDMSDE/subscriber/new>

from Sue Ann Salimbene to everyone:

Jus

from draginhopkins to everyone:

please address religious exemptions for immunizations

from Leslie Foretich to everyone:

I don't think you can require flu shots but yes licensed immunizations are required. I will emphasize flu shots to families

from Georgina Ramroop to everyone:

Can you please share the rate/outbreak information in daycares? I feel like we are left in the dark. This information will help us make an informative decision about reopening.

from Vickie DiSanto to everyone:

ALL questions have been sent to Jenn up to this point.

from Leslie Foretich to everyone:

agree Vicki

from Vickie DiSanto to everyone:

Please save other questions for when you register for next week's session

from Lisa Glorioso to everyone:

https://earlychildhood.marylandpublicschools.org/system/files/filedepot/3/age-appropriate_immunization_requirements_for_children_enrolled_in_child_care_programs-_2014-2015.pdf

from Lisa Glorioso to everyone:

age appropriate vaccinations chart above

from Marla Houston Marshall to everyone:

I know you spoke about not functioning at full capacity and no more than 15 3 & 4 year olds, what is the capacity for infant and toddlers.

from Diane Eakes to everyone:

When we clean the bathroom and toys do we spray and wipe? The cleaners have a wait time so we thought we'd spray and wait to air dry.

from Vickie DiSanto to everyone:

Questions are no longer being captured: please include them in your registration for next week's session.

from Brenda Rivera to everyone:

Thank you so much for your time and allowing us to ask millions of questions.

from Katie McCormick to everyone:

Thanks!

from Georgina Ramroop to everyone:

Please share outbreak/rate of infection in daycare. We need the information. We are putting ourselves at risk daily.

from Alexis Washington to everyone:

CDC Guidance for Child Care Programs that Remain Open <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/guidance-for-childcare.html>

from Rebecca Willson to everyone:

Agreed Brenda - Thank you for your time!

from Renee Malone to everyone:

Thank You for your time

from Sue Ann Salimbene to everyone:

Thank you for your time.

from donna dipasquale to everyone:

Is it acceptable to follow our normal procedures while adhering to the CDC/OCC guidelines be allowed different classes in the morning and afternoon (different groups of children) on the same day? what would be required cleaning- wise in between those classes

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from Deborah Duffy to everyone:

Thank you!

from Barbara Dubik to everyone:

Thanks guys.

from Marla Houston Marshall to everyone:

Thank you! Very imformative

from Bijal patel to everyone:

Thank You.

from Shiny John to everyone:

Thank you very much

from Lisa Toles-Felton to everyone:

Thank you

from Leeah to everyone:

Thank you for your time!

from jkemper to everyone:

You deserve a vacation also!

from Monique Harper to everyone:

Thank you

from Flora Gee to everyone:

THANKS BUT SLOW DOWN! YOU GO FASTER THAN I CAN KEEP UP! I'M GOING TO TRY TO TAKE OFF NEXT WEEK!

from Chris Davis to everyone:

thank you ...bye

from Carol Lomax to everyone:

Thank you

from Laura Austin-FEagan to everyone:

Thank you for the information!

from Tionna to everyone:

thank you

from Barbara Dubik to everyone:

lol

from Janine to everyone:

Thank you

from childworld to everyone:

Thank you.

from Barbara Dubik to everyone:

That is her!

from Michele to everyone:

Thank you

from Linda Rogers to everyone:

Thank you

from Sandy Raynes to everyone:

You are still on!

from Barbara Dubik to everyone:

Close session

- Missing EPCC payments or incorrect payments: email Jenn Nizer Jennifer.nizer@maryland.gov
- Have not received \$800 or \$1,600 grants: email earlychildhood.msde@maryland.gov
- Child Care Scholarship applications and questions: Child Care Central
 - Application questions: Email: ccscentral@conduent.com
 - Submit invoices to: Fax: (410) 229-0010 Email: MDCCSPPIInvoices@conduent.com
- Are parents still required to complete Essential Applications for Enrollment. **No, EPCC program is over.**
- Sprayers: Not acceptable for use in child care programs. A sprayer is a tool that will spray liquid materials such as cleaning agents, fertilizers, pesticides, herbicides or even water. Can we use disinfecting forgers as a second line of cleaning? **No, a fogger is a sprayer.**
 - Spray cans, such as Lysol or water bottles, are not sprayers.
 - Can you use Lysol wipes on outdoor equipment such as Slides and Playhouse. **Yes**
- COVID-19 Training – **being developed and will be required for all providers. Coming soon.**
- Centers are closed on a case-by-case basis. **Contact your Licensing Specialist and the Health Department immediately if you suspect a COVID case in your program.**
- Field trips can we now? **No field trips**
- I do know that handwashing is the best way to avoid spreading germs. I have also been told that children should not be using hand sanitizer at all under no circumstances. **Correct, adults may use hand sanitizers but child may not.**
- Is it ok to parents scan their children in on childcare app during Pandemic for less contact as they are dropping off at my daycare door? If not is it OK if the scan in the morning without

signature and sign at pick up? With one signature per day just trying to avoid as much contact as possible! **This is a business decision; the choice is up to the owner/operator.**

- Can we get another letter from the MSDE. stating that we need cleaning supplies also Please. Letter is available at <https://earlychildhood.marylandpublicschools.org/child-care-providers-serving-essential-personnel>
- Will there be any help to getting PPE for family day care providers. **The state is not providing PPE for providers. Order them from <https://marylandmanufacturingnetwork.com/>**
- Temperature Screening: **Temperature and symptom screening should be conducted daily on each child upon arrival to the child care facility using the process in the screening guidance https://earlychildhood.marylandpublicschools.org/system/files/filedepot/3/updated-temperature_checks_4.27.2020.pdf**

Essential Persons School Age (EPSA): Effective July 20, 2020, any remaining EPSA approved sites will no longer be permitted to operate. The state will return to allowing only licensed child care programs to serve families. Sites that want to continue to provide child care services should contact the regional licensing office. Information on licensing can be found here: <https://earlychildhood.marylandpublicschools.org/child-care-providers/li...>

Family and Friend Care: Effective July 20, 2020, unlicensed Family and Friend Care will no longer be allowed. A family child care home is not required to be registered if the provider: (a) is a relative of each child; (b) is a friend of each child's parent or legal guardian and the care is provided on a non-regular basis of less than 20 hours a month (COMAR 13A.15.02). Family and friend providers wishing to continue to provide child care services should contact their regional licensing office to become a licensed family child care provider. Information on licensing can be found here: <https://earlychildhood.marylandpublicschools.org/child-care-providers/li...>

Child Care Scholarships: Effective July 20, 2020, the MSDE will make payments for Child Care Scholarship invoices to all child care providers serving families in the Child Care Scholarship program based on attendance, rather than enrollment. Parents will be required to pay their mandatory co-pays, unless the parent has requested the suspension of their child care services or the provider has chosen not to reopen. The Child Care Scholarship program provides financial assistance with child care costs to eligible working families in Maryland. Parents who earn up to 65% of State Median Income are eligible (e.g., a family of four can have an income of up to \$71,525 per year and qualify for a scholarship). To find out more about eligibility and how to apply for the Child Care Scholarship program, go to www.money4childcare.com.

Family Child Care Start-up Grants Increased to \$1,000: The One-time Family Child Care Provider Direct grants for new providers starting their small business have been doubled from \$500 to \$1000 as part of Maryland's Preschool Development Grant Birth through Age Five award and are to help registered family child care providers offset some of the costs of opening their child care programs. Eligibility is based upon certain income levels and family size. More information can be found here: <https://earlychildhood.marylandpublicschools.org/fccpdgfp>.

Room size limits and ratios: Group size in child care centers is expanded to a maximum of 15 individuals at a time per classroom with a ratio of no more than 1 teacher for 14 children ages three and above and the teacher must be qualified. Family child care and large family child care programs are limited to the number of children for which they are licensed at one time and no more than 15 persons total including residents. All child care programs must continue to adhere to the allowable group size by age in licensing regulations.

Reopening of child care programs: Licensed child care programs interested in reopening may contact their licensing specialist and complete a [Child Care Verification of Reopening form](#).