

Executive Order No. 2020-16 Disaster Relief Child Care Centers For School Buildings

Executive Order No. 2020-16, Expanding Child Care Access during the COVID-19 Emergency, issued by Governor Gretchen Whitmer, and effective March 18, 2020, is to assist the children and families of the essential workforce.

In accordance with Executive Order No. 2020-16, a child care license is not required for an employer, school district, or nonpublic school to establish and maintain a disaster relief child care center in a school building, as compliance with subsection (2) of section 5m of the Child Care Organizations Act, 1973 PA 116, as amended, MCL 722.115m(2) is suspended.

Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (“Department”) Orders Governing Disaster Relief Child Care Centers under Section 3 of the Executive Order:

A disaster relief child care center for school buildings shall:

1. Notify the Bureau of Community and Health Systems, within the Department, by phone within 48 hours from the start of operations in accordance with section 2(b) of Executive Order. The phone number is: (517) 284-9730.
2. Operate no longer than the time period specified in section 2 of Executive Order 2020-16, or as otherwise extended by authority granted to the Department.
3. Not operate in a private home.
4. Operate in any school facilities or buildings operated by a school district or non-public school that are closed and are approved for student use.
5. Cooperate with the Department when conducting support and wellness calls or onsite visits.
6. Follow Safe Sleep requirements as listed in **Rule 400.8188**.
7. Follow diapering requirements as listed in **Rule 400.8137**
8. Follow handwashing requirements as listed in **Rule 400.8134**.
9. Follow sanitizing requirements as listed in **Rule 400. 8325**.
10. Provide cribs or porta-cribs for infants under 12 months of age for rest or sleep as listed in **Rule 400.8176**.

11. Provide porta-cribs, cots or mats for children older than 12 months for rest or sleep as listed in **Rule 400.8176**.
12. Solicit information about, and communicate with parents and guardians regarding, a child's medicine, allergies, including food allergies, and other special needs.
13. Have emergency contact information for each child in care that shall include:
 - a. Child's name.
 - b. Contact information for the individual appointed by the parent or guardian to be contacted in the event of an emergency or illness.
 - c. Name(s) of any individual appointed by the parent or guardian to whom the child may be released.
14. Perform a health screening of all individuals who enter the center and **deny entry** to those individuals who do not meet the evaluation criteria that shall include:
 - a. Symptoms of a respiratory infection, such as fever, cough, shortness of breath, or sore throat; and
 - b. Contact in the last 14 days with someone with a confirmed diagnosis of COVID-19.
 - c. Review daily the current requirements of your local health department.

Resources

1. Bureau of Community and Health Systems:
 - a. Phone: 517-284-9730.
 - b. Website: www.michigan.gov/bchs
2. Safe Sleep information and training: www.michigan.gov/michildcare (under Training)
3. A copy of the rules referenced in this Order may be found at:
https://www.michigan.gov/documents/lara/Centers_final_rule_R_400.8101_to_400.8840_12-17-19_674860_7.pdf
4. State's COVID-19 website: www.michigan.gov/Coronavirus