



Impact of COVID-19 on Louisiana Child Care Providers

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The intent of this survey is to learn how the COVID-19 (novel coronavirus) outbreak is impacting child care providers in Louisiana. Your answers will help us understand what is happening with child care in the state during the outbreak. We will use this information to both inform recovery efforts and make the case for more help for the sector. That help may include advocating for temporary loans, mini-grants, or emergency changes in regulations. However, we cannot guarantee that any particular resources will become available or that any regulatory changes will occur as a result of your responses.

Your participation in this survey is entirely voluntary. You do not have to participate, and you can refuse to answer any question. Even if you begin the survey, you can stop at any time.

Your answers will be kept confidential. Results from this survey will only be reported in group form and will not identify you or any other individual.

The survey will take less than 15 minutes to complete.

If you have any questions about this survey, please contact info@policyinstitutela.org.

Thank you for your participation in this survey.

By clicking on the "Next" button below you are indicating that you consent/agree to participate in this survey. If you do not wish to participate in the survey, please close your browser.



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*** 1. Do you operate more than one early care and education center/business/program?**

- Yes, I operate MORE THAN ONE center/business/program *(Redirects to Page 5)*
- No, I operate ONLY ONE center/business/program *(Redirects to Page 3)*



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2. Where is your business/program located?

City/Town

ZIP/Postal Code

3. What type of business/program are you?

- Type I
- Type II
- Type III
- Family Child Care
- In-Home Child Care

4. How many children does your business/program typically serve in each age group (per day)?

Infants (6 weeks to 12 months)

One Year Olds

Two Year Olds

Three Year Olds

Four Year Olds

School Age Children (5 years and up)

5. What is the licensed capacity of your business/program?

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2. Where are your businesses/programs located?

We have provided enough space for up to 6 centers. If you operate more than 6 centers, you can opt to include more than one response per row (for example, "Downtown/Riverfront").

Center 1 (City & Zip Code)

Center 2 (City & Zip Code)

Center 3 (City & Zip Code)

Center 4 (City & Zip Code)

Center 5 (City & Zip Code)

Center 6 (City & Zip Code)

3. What type of business/program are you?

- Type I
- Type II
- Type III
- Family Child Care
- In-Home Child Care

4. How many children do your businesses/programs typically serve in each age group (per day)?

Center 1

Infants (6 weeks to 12 months)

One Year Olds

Two Year Olds

Three Year Olds

Four Year Olds

School Age Children (5 years and up)

Center 2

Infants (6 weeks to 12 months)

One Year Olds

Two Year Olds

Three Year Olds

Four Year Olds

School Age Children (5 years and up)

Center 3

Infants (6 weeks to 12 months)

One Year Olds

Two Year Olds

Three Year Olds

Four Year Olds

School Age Children (5 years and up)

Center 4

Infants (6 weeks to 12 months)

One Year Olds

Two Year Olds

Three Year Olds

Four Year Olds

School Age Children (5 years and up)

Center 5

Infants (6 weeks to 12 months)

One Year Olds

Two Year Olds

Three Year Olds

Four Year Olds

School Age Children (5 years and up)

Center 6

Infants (6 weeks to 12 months)

One Year Olds

Two Year Olds

Three Year Olds

Four Year Olds

School Age Children (5 years and up)

5. What are the licensed capacities of your businesses/programs?

Center 1

Center 2

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6. What are your current tuition rates?

The next question will ask you whether tuition is charged on a daily, weekly, monthly, semester, or annual basis.

Full-Time Rate

Infants (6 weeks to 12 months)

One Year Olds

Two Year Olds

Three Year Olds

Four Year Olds

School Age Children (5 Years and up)

Part-Time Rate

Infants (6 weeks to 12 months)

One Year Olds

Two Year Olds

Three Year Olds

Four Year Olds

School Age Children (5 Years and up)

Daily Rate (for drop-ins or part-time)

Infants (6 weeks to 12 months)

One Year Olds

Two Year Olds

Three Year Olds

Four Year Olds

School Age Children (5 Years and up)

7. How is the tuition above charged?

Full-Time Rate



Part-Time Rate



Daily/Drop-In
Rate



8. How many low-income children do you serve?

Low-income children includes those who qualify for free or reduced-price lunch, CCAP, Early Head Start, Head Start, LA4, or NSECD.

If you operate more than one center, please include the total number of low-income children in all of the centers you operate.

9. How many employees does your business/program have?

Please include your typical workforce (whatever was true before any recent changes due to the COVID-19/coronavirus outbreak).

If you operate more than one center, please include your entire workforce across all locations.

Full Time

Part Time

10. Does your business/program offer employees paid sick days?

Yes

No

10a. If yes, how many sick days does your business/program provide to most employees?

11. What is the monthly payroll for your business/program?

This should include your typical payroll (prior to any changes caused by the COVID-19/coronavirus outbreak).

If you operate more than one center, please include your payroll across all locations.

Please provide an estimate if you are not sure of the exact amount.

12. What are the monthly total expenditures for your business/program?

This should include your typical expenses (prior to any changes caused by the COVID-19/coronavirus outbreak).

If you operate more than one center, please include your expenses across all locations.

Please provide an estimate if you are not sure of the exact amount.

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13. Do you currently have an emergency plan for a public health crisis or pandemic?

Yes

No

14. How worried are you about the following scenarios?

	Not Worried	Somewhat Worried	Very Worried
Staff may continue to come to work even if they are sick because they cannot afford to stay home/not work	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Families may try to send ill children to your program because parents need child care in order to work	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

15. Has your business/program been impacted by COVID-19/coronavirus?

Yes

No

15a. If yes, how?

Please check all that apply.

- Fewer children / low child attendance
- More children / increased child attendance
- Employee absences
- Hired (or trying to hire) additional staff
- Increased costs for cleaning supplies
- Difficulty in obtaining needed supplies or food
- Loss of revenue
- Other (please specify)

16. Are you experiencing any financial losses due to the COVID-19/coronavirus outbreak?

- Yes
- Not yet, but I expect to
- No

16a. If yes, what is your best estimate of your financial losses to date?

17. Has your business/program closed due to COVID-19/coronavirus?

Centers should notify the Louisiana Department of Education of closures (and reopenings) by emailing LDOECOVID19Support@la.gov and noting the center name, license number, location, and details of the closure (or reopening).

- Yes *(Redirects Page 16)*
 - Not yet, but we plan to
 - No
 - Other (please specify)
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17a. Are you continuing to charge families tuition while your business/program is closed?

- Yes
- No
- Other (please specify)

17b. Are you continuing to pay employees while your business/program is closed?

- Yes
- No
- Other (please specify)

17c. What circumstances influenced your decision to close your business/program due to COVID-19/coronavirus?

Please check all that apply.

- Possible exposure of someone in my immediate community (families, children, or staff)
- A confirmed case in my immediate community (families, children, or staff)
- K-12 school closures
- Official government guidance requesting that employees in my community work from home
- Government mandates
- Low enrollment/attendance
- Other (please specify)

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17a. Under what circumstances would your business/program close due to COVID-19/coronavirus?

Please check all that apply.

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- A confirmed case in my immediate community (families, children, or staff)
- K-12 school closures
- Official government guidance requesting that employees in my community work from home
- Government mandates
- Low enrollment/attendance
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18. With the continued spread of COVID-19/coronavirus, how do you think it will impact your business/program over the next weeks and months?

Please check all that apply.

- Fewer children / low child attendance
- More children / increased child attendance
- Employee absences
- Will need to hire more staff
- Increased costs for cleaning supplies
- Difficulty in obtaining needed supplies or food
- Loss of revenue
- Temporary closure
- Other (please specify)

19. What will happen to your business/program if families keep children home for extended periods or if your business/program is closed for an extended period of time?

Please check all that apply.

- Layoff employees
- Reduce employees' hours
- Reduce program hours
- Close program permanently
- Other (please specify)

20. What steps are you already taking to respond to COVID-19/coronavirus at your business/program?

Please check all that apply.

- Increased sanitation/cleaning measures
- Changes in sick policies for children (for example: when children will be sent home or asked to remain at home)
- Communication with employees about how to prevent the spread of COVID-19/coronavirus
- Communication with families about how to prevent the spread of COVID-19/coronavirus
- Created a plan for how to respond if an employee, child, or family may have been exposed to COVID-19/coronavirus
- Created a plan for how to respond if an employee or child has a suspected case of COVID-19/coronavirus
- Communication with families about how you would make the decision to close your program (for example: only if mandated, if schools close, if a child has potentially been exposed, only if a member of your program community has a confirmed case)
- Increased business/program hours
- Decreased business/program hours
- Rescheduled or cancelled events
- Other (please specify)

21. What kind of help would be useful to your business/program right now in preparing for the COVID-19/coronavirus?

Please write in anything that you think might help.

Note that your response is being used to inform advocacy and potential recovery responses, but we cannot guarantee that any of these supports will become available.

- Regulatory relief (for example: changes to CCAP attendance requirements or licensing regulations)
- Low-interest loans
- Mini-grants for cleaning supplies
- Grants to pay staff during a closure
- A template for an emergency plan for a public health crisis or pandemic
- Other (please specify)

21a. Which one of the above would be the MOST helpful to you right now in preparing for COVID-19/coronavirus?

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- Regulatory relief (for example: changes to CCAP attendance requirements or licensing regulations)
- Low-interest loans
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- Other (please specify)

22. If your business/program has to close for a period of time (or has already closed) due to COVID-19/coronavirus, what kinds of support might your business/program need?

Please write in anything that you think might help.

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- Regulatory relief (for example: changes to CCAP attendance requirements or licensing regulations)
- Low-interest loans
- Mini-grants for cleaning supplies
- Grants to pay staff during a closure
- A template for an emergency plan for a public health crisis or pandemic
- Other (please specify)

22a. Which one of the above would be the MOST helpful to you if your business/program has to close for a period of time (or has already closed) due to COVID-19/coronavirus?

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- Regulatory relief (for example: changes to CCAP attendance requirements or licensing regulations)
- Low-interest loans
- Mini-grants for cleaning supplies
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- Other (please specify)

23. Is there anything else you would like to share?