

## Child Care COVID-19 Resources

Follow these links for the Center for Disease Control's (CDC's) recommendations regarding schools and child care:

- **Checklist for Teachers and Parents:** <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/checklist.html>
- **Child Care Decision Tool:** <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/child-care-decision-tool.html>
- **Guidance for Child Care:** <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/guidance-for-childcare.html>

**Childcare.gov** has COVID-19 resources and state-specific child care Information: <https://childcare.gov/covid-19>

Child Welfare Information Gateway has some handy information:

- **State-Specific Mandates Regarding COVID-19 and Child Care:** [https://www.childwelfare.gov/organizations/?CWIGFunctionsaction=rols:main.dsplist&rolType=Custom&RS\\_ID=177&rList=ROL](https://www.childwelfare.gov/organizations/?CWIGFunctionsaction=rols:main.dsplist&rolType=Custom&RS_ID=177&rList=ROL)
- **Coronavirus Resource Library:** [https://library.childwelfare.gov/cwig/ws/library/docs/gateway/ResultSet?r=1&rpp=-10&parenttreeid=a9fb419dc1d2446fb1b3dc52ef56f0c0&upp=0&w=+NATIVE%28%27KEYWORD%3D\\*%22covid-19%22\\*%27%29&order=+NATIVE%28%27YEAR+descend%27%29](https://library.childwelfare.gov/cwig/ws/library/docs/gateway/ResultSet?r=1&rpp=-10&parenttreeid=a9fb419dc1d2446fb1b3dc52ef56f0c0&upp=0&w=+NATIVE%28%27KEYWORD%3D*%22covid-19%22*%27%29&order=+NATIVE%28%27YEAR+descend%27%29)

## Tips for Working from Home with Children

- "5 tips for effectively working from home during the coronavirus outbreak, when you have kids": <https://www.cnbc.com/2020/03/16/how-to-work-from-home-with-your-kids-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak.html>
- "Working at home during the coronavirus crisis with kids underfoot? Here are 9 ways to cope": <https://www.cnbc.com/2020/03/17/working-at-home-with-kids-during-covid-19-crisis-with-kids-underfoot.html>
- "Age-Based Tips to Help Juggle Parenting & Working at Home During COVID-19": <https://www.healthychildren.org/English/health-issues/conditions/COVID-19/Pages/Tips-to-Juggle-Parenting-and-Working-at-Home-COVID-19.aspx>

## **Considerations for Deciding to Send Your Child Back to Day Care**

Child care centers that are opening or have remained open during the pandemic are largely operating under new restrictions. First, to comply with stricter sanitation guidelines, many centers must modify their operating hours to thoroughly clean the facilities after children have gone home. Second, the CDC is encouraging all child care providers to implement strict health-screening measures for everyone entering the buildings, as well as enforce sick policies more strictly. Also, it is likely that provider ratios will be smaller to keep groups within gathering-size guidelines. So, if you know that you will need care, you may have to start paying for a spot ahead of time.

- "Is it safe to send my child to child care during COVID-19?"  
<https://www.healthychildren.org/English/tips-tools/ask-the-pediatrician/Pages/Is-it-safe-to-send-my-child-to-child-care-during-COVID-19.aspx>
- "Making Decisions About Children Attending In-Person School During the COVID-19 Pandemic: Information for Parents, Guardians, and Caregivers"  
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/decision-tool.html>

## **Summer Camp Resources**

There have been no formal recommendations for the opening of summer camps on a national level. The CDC is recommending that camps follow the orders set by their state and local regulators. The American Camp Association (ACA), a nationally recognized organization for camp accreditations, has a list of resources for parents regarding COVID-19: <https://www.acacamps.org/campers-families/news-resources/covid-19-resources-parents>

The ACA also has a database of both physical and virtual camp options that parents can explore:

- <http://find.acacamps.org>
- <https://members.acacamps.org/Virtual-Camp>

"What to Know About Summer Camp During COVID-19":

<https://www.healthline.com/health/what-to-know-about-summer-camp-during-covid-19>

"Suggestions for Youth and Summer Camps": <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/summer-camps.html>

## **Resources for Locating Out-of-Home Child Care Providers and Financial Assistance**

Below are some web resources for locating day care centers, family day care homes, child care financial assistance, and in-home child care resources.

<https://www.childcareaware.org/resources/map>

<https://childcareta.acf.hhs.gov/licensing>

<https://www.acf.hhs.gov/occ/resource/ccdf-grantee-state-and-territory-contacts>

## **Resources for Hiring an In-Home Child Care Provider**

The websites listed below are online posting boards that help families find a nanny or babysitter independent of a placement agency. These sites allow parents to place an advertisement for a caregiver or browse the resumes of nannies and babysitters who are looking for a child care position. Please note that there may be fees associated with these services and that parents are responsible for checking references. Some sites partner with background-check agencies, and services are available for an additional fee. Please click on the following links for additional information:

<https://www.gonannies.com>

<https://www.care.com>

<https://www.seekingsitters.com>

<https://www.care4hire.com>

<https://www.nannylane.com>

<https://www.sittercity.com>

<https://www.urbansitter.com>

Also, listed below is the contact information for nanny agencies that place caregivers nationwide. Please keep in mind that in providing a list, it has not been confirmed if these agencies place caregivers in your area. You may wish to contact these agencies for additional information.

### **Nanny Poppins, Inc.**

4 Rex Lane

Acton, MA 01720

888-849-6090

<https://nannypoppinsagency.com>

## **Tiny Treasures Nanny and Household Staffing Agency**

175 Varick Street

New York, NY 10014

646-290-5566

<https://www.tinytreasuresnyc.com/household-staffing-avery-indigo>

For a list of nanny agencies by state, please visit the **Association of Premier Nanny Agencies (APNA)** website: <https://theapna.org/apna-member-agencies/#!directory/map>

## **Creative Child Care Solutions**

Due to the temporary closure of many child care providers and schools, locating an opening at an out-of-home child care facility can be extremely difficult. Now is the time to reach out to your community. Many child care workers who will be displaced from their jobs may be willing to offer child care services to those who still have to show up to work. It is also possible that you have stay-at-home parents or individuals in your local community network who would be happy to offer assistance. Asking for help can be awkward and maybe even anxiety-inducing, but crises have the capacity to make a community stronger in unexpected ways. So, in addition to the above resources, below are some creative solutions for finding care:

- Post to social media or online parenting groups to see if any friends or those in your local community could care for your child(ren).
- Post to Nextdoor (<https://nextdoor.com>) to see if anyone in your surrounding neighborhood could care for your child(ren).
- Coordinate with coworkers to watch each other's child(ren).
- Try to work an opposite shift of the secondary parent (if applicable) to cover needed supervision.
- Reach out to family members and friends to see if any are available to assist.
- Ask your supervisor if they could assist in coordinating creative care solutions. If you're a supervisor, help by being as flexible as feasibly possible to accommodate any coordination being attempted by employees in accordance with your business practices.
- See if you can get the information from your school or day care for teachers or caregivers who may be offering temporary care. These caregivers should already be CPR and First Aid certified and will probably be the best option for any children who have special needs that have to be accommodated.
- Call your local United Way to inquire about any additional local child care resources in your area (<https://www.unitedway.org/find-your-united-way>).