

Forthcoming Guidance to the Early Learning and Care Field Regarding the COVID-19 Emergency

This email serves to communicate to CDE, ELCD early learning and care contractors about the work the CDE-ELCD is currently doing to support children, families, and providers during the state emergency related to the coronavirus (COVID-19).

The ELCD is currently working on a series of COVID-19 response Management Bulletins (MBs) and other guidance that will be released to the early learning and care field in the next few weeks. We posted two management bulletins in the last week and there are more on the way.

Specifically, the ELCD is working on MBs that will be released in the next week or so and cover the following topics:

1. Guidance on Emergency Closures Related to COVID-19
2. Guidance related to Procurement and Audits
3. Guidance related to emergency child care and admission priorities for essential workers
4. Guidance related to the role of Resource and Referral Agencies and Local Planning Councils
5. Guidance related to program quality, Program Self Evaluation, and Contract Monitoring Reviews
6. Family Child Care Home Educational Networks

In addition, the ELCD will be releasing surveys to the field in the coming weeks to better understand the impact that the COVID-19 State of Emergency is having on the early learning and care field.

To help ELCD contractors keep track of all the ELCD guidance for early learning and care programs, the ELCD has created a webpage where all COVID-19 guidance is housed. You can find that web page at <https://www.cde.ca.gov/sp/cd/re/elcdcovid19.asp>. Please check that website regularly for the latest guidance.

In addition, please make sure you are signed up for our listserv and continue to monitor all communications that you receive from the CDE-ELCD for up-to-date guidance and answers to your questions.

The ELCD thanks all of you for raising your areas of concern to us—these are continually

informing our MBs and other guidance. Please continue to flag issues of concern to your field consultants or to ELCDEmergency@cde.ca.gov.

Thank you for your patience as the CDE works diligently with the Administration, the California Health and Human Services Agency, the California Department of Social Services, other State Agencies, contractors, stakeholders, and advocates to ensure the CDE provides you the most recent information in a timely manner as things are changing daily.

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