

# COVID-19 Updates for Child Care Providers

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# Agenda



- Proclamation Updates
- Family, Friend, and Neighbor (FFN) Incentives
- Open Child Care Providers
- Updated Department of Health (DOH) Child Care, Youth Development, and Summer Day Camps During the COVID-19 Outbreak



# State of Child Care

## Realities

- Child care market was fragile prior to COVID-19 pandemic
- Impact of Statewide “Stay Home” orders, school closures and COVID-19 DOH response guidance
- Child care site temporary closures and re-openings

## Guiding Principles

- Stabilize the child care industry now and into the future
- Facilitate a functional and resilient early learning system
- Support low-income families’ access to care





# Short-Term Supports: Temporary Flexibility Through July 1, 2020



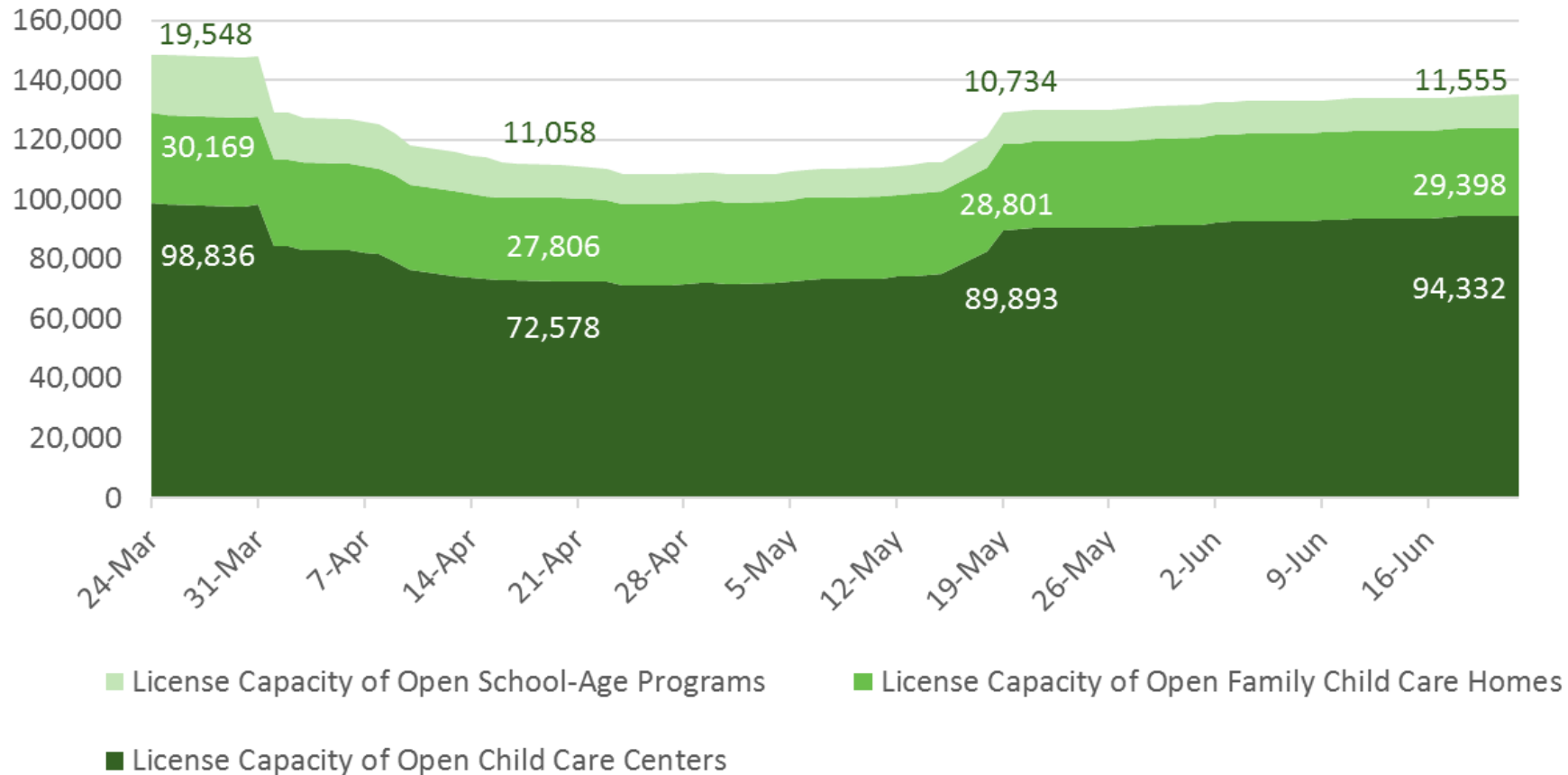
- Background checks
- Early Achievers timelines
- Submit COVID-19 questions or concerns to:  
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# FFN Incentives

- FFN providers may be eligible for a one-time payment of \$250 from the Washington State Department of Children, Youth, and Families (DCYF)
- Eligibility criteria:
  - FFN providers in Washington State that provided care to children receiving subsidy during the COVID-19 pandemic
  - Claim subsidy payment for both March and April 2020, no later than July 2, 2020. FFN providers must provide care and claim for this care for both March and April 2020 (not one or the other).

# Licensed Capacity of Open Child Care, by Type





# Licensed Capacity and COVID-19 Closures

28.4% of licensed capacity is currently COVID-19 closed

COVID-19 Closed Licensed Capacity			
Facility Type	%	N	Total Licensed Capacity
Child Care Center	23.8%	29,462	123,801
Family Child Care Home	6.6%	2,075	31,502
School-Age Program	66.9%	21,849	32,674
Grand Total	28.4%	53,470	188,073



# Updated DOH Guidance: Highlights

- Face covering guidance updated throughout, and refers back to Department of Labor & Industries (L & I) guidance.
- Staff must wear cloth facial coverings when not working alone, unless their exposure dictates a higher level of protection under L&I safety and health rules and guidance.
  - Refer to [Coronavirus Facial Covering and Mask Requirements](#)



# Updated DOH Guidance Highlights

- Group sizes should total no more than 22 people. This count includes each child, youth and adult.
- Do not combine groups, including at opening and closing, and keep staffing the same within each group every day.
- If you can, keep the same groups from day-to-day to reduce the number of children, youth and staff from multiple households who are interacting.
- Physical distancing, cohorts, hand hygiene, ventilation and other practices are essential in reducing the transmission of the virus.



# Updated DOH Guidance Highlights

- Removes play structure restrictions.
  - Guidance for cleaning outdoor areas added.
    - Outdoor areas, like playgrounds, generally require normal routine cleaning, but do not require disinfection.
    - Do not spray disinfectant on outdoor playground equipment. It is not an efficient use of supplies and is not proven to reduce risk of COVID-19 to the public.
    - High-touch surfaces made of plastic or metal, such as grab bars and railings, should be routinely cleaned.
- Updated resource section.

# In-Service Training

- **Providers don't need to do anything right now.**
  - The timeline to complete in-service training restarts on July 1. You will have 12 months (June 30, 2021) to complete 10 training hours.
- **If you want to do training right now, DCYF can help you find training:**
  - Search MERIT or find training from DCYF partners: Child Care Aware, Imagine Institute and School's Out Washington. Many are offered at no cost to the provider.
  - Contact the DCYF professional development team if you need additional help or want to plan for your entire center or program: [MERIT@dcyf.wa.gov](mailto:MERIT@dcyf.wa.gov).
- **New staff can take shortened versions of both the CPR and the health and safety trainings, and complete the hands-on portions later.**
  - Do this by taking the online CPR class and the Health and Safety Independent Modules available on DCYF's [online learning portal](#).





# Questions? Feedback?



Thank you!

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