

NEW SECTION

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(2) Washington residents have taken extraordinary action to curtail the spread of COVID-19 while still providing everyday services. Early learning providers have been particularly impacted by this emergency and the department will continue to partner with all licensed providers to ensure a safe and stable supply of early learning services during the pandemic.

(3) As a result of this pandemic, it is necessary that the department have immediate access to accurate, up-to-date information. Accordingly, all providers licensed under this chapter must report to the department the following information:

(a) A voluntary or involuntary closure of the early learning program, if applicable, within 24 hours of such closure; and

(b) A current accounting of vacant slots for each age group the provider is licensed to serve.

(4) Providers must use the electronic provider portal (COMPASS) to report the information required by this section. Reporting by telephone, email, or other methods does not satisfy this reporting requirement.

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RULE-MAKING ORDER EMERGENCY RULE ONLY

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Agency: Department of Children, Youth, and Families

Effective date of rule:

Emergency Rules

- Immediately upon filing.
- Later (specify) _____

Any other findings required by other provisions of law as precondition to adoption or effectiveness of rule?

- Yes
- No
- If Yes, explain: _____

Purpose: Require child care closures to be reported to the department via the electronic provider portal (COMPASS) during states of emergency. Reporting must occur within 24 hours of the closure and include capacity and the ages of children that each child care is licensed to serve.

Citation of rules affected by this order:

New: WAC 110-300-0016A and 110-305-1525A
 Repealed:
 Amended:
 Suspended:

Statutory authority for adoption: RCW 43.216.065

Other authority:

EMERGENCY RULE

Under RCW 34.05.350 the agency for good cause finds:

- That immediate adoption, amendment, or repeal of a rule is necessary for the preservation of the public health, safety, or general welfare, and that observing the time requirements of notice and opportunity to comment upon adoption of a permanent rule would be contrary to the public interest.
- That state or federal law or federal rule or a federal deadline for state receipt of federal funds requires immediate adoption of a rule.

Reasons for this finding: Governor Jay Inslee issued proclamation 20-05 declaring a state of emergency in all counties in the state of Washington as a result of the outbreak of COVID-19. As of March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization has classified COVID-19 as a pandemic. Electronically reporting closures within 24 hours of when they occur during states of emergency ensures the department has accurate, up-to-date information of child care capacity throughout the state, which is necessary as the department works to ensure a safe and stable supply of child care services.

**Note: If any category is left blank, it will be calculated as zero.
No descriptive text.**

**Count by whole WAC sections only, from the WAC number through the history note.
A section may be counted in more than one category.**

The number of sections adopted in order to comply with:

Federal statute:	New	_____	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____
Federal rules or standards:	New	_____	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____
Recently enacted state statutes:	New	_____	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____

The number of sections adopted at the request of a nongovernmental entity:

New ____ Amended ____ Repealed ____

The number of sections adopted on the agency's own initiative:

New 2 Amended ____ Repealed ____

The number of sections adopted in order to clarify, streamline, or reform agency procedures:

New ____ Amended ____ Repealed ____

The number of sections adopted using:

Negotiated rule making:	New	____	Amended	____	Repealed	____
Pilot rule making:	New	____	Amended	____	Repealed	____
Other alternative rule making:	New	____	Amended	____	Repealed	____

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