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COVID-19 Advisory



Impact of COVID-19 on Childcare Expansion for Essential Workers and CDE's Enrollment Prioritization Guidelines

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On April 4, 2020, Governor Gavin Newsom signed an Executive Order that authorized the California Department of Education (CDE) and California Department of Social Services (CDSS) to waive various requirements, including the priority directives in EC Section 8263(a) in order to prioritize care for the children of "essential critical infrastructure workers." This includes healthcare/public health workers, and those working in the following sectors: emergency services, food and agriculture, energy, water and wastewater, transportation and logistics, communications and information technology, and other community based government operations and essential functions. The Order directed CDE and CDSS to jointly develop guidance on the order of prioritization for services, which shall include, but not be limited to, provisions intended to ensure that neglected or abused children who are recipients of child protective services, or children who are at-risk of being neglected or abused, retain first priority for services as specified in EC Section 8263(b)(1).

On April 7, 2020, CDE and CDSS released the guidance on enrollment of new families in emergency childcare. To review the guidance, please visit <https://www.cde.ca.gov/sp/cd/ci/mb2006.asp>.

The guidance also provides provisions for application and enrollment procedures, physical and social distancing guidance and healthy practices, and other considerations.

DWK will continue to provide guidance as information becomes available. For more information regarding the impact of COVID-19 on your district's operations, please visit our COVID-19 Resources page at <https://www.dwkesq.com/covid-19-resources-page/>.

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