BROADCAST TO ALL
LICENSED CHILD CARE PROVIDERS
FROM THE DIVISION OF PUBLIC ASSISTANCE,
CHILD CARE PROGRAM OFFICE

The Department of Health and Social Services recognizes the critical need for child care in our community, especially now for first responders, medical personnel, and other critical businesses so their employees can continue to work and provide services to the public. We appreciate all you do and want to continue to support you in any way that we can. It is very important to monitor all updates from the Division of Public Health for the latest guidance about advisory and mandate information. For additional recommendations please visit the CDC Guidance for child care at: www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/guidance-for-schools.html.

At this time there is no mandate for child care facilities to close. It is your business decision to determine if you can safely meet the needs of the children, families, and staff, and if you will remain open, re-open, or temporarily close. We ask that you continue to communicate with the families you serve on your plans, and to notify your local licensing office if your status changes.

We are working on a plan to continue payments to licensed providers. There are many details to consider and will require approval from the Office of Child Care at the Administration for Children and Families. We understand the urgency and will be working to get payment details finalized for April payments to be issued.

We will be addressing the questions received from the meeting today and working to issue a FAQ document in collaboration the Municipality of Anchorage and thread.

Thank you for your continued support to the children and families in Alaska. We will share additional information with you as it becomes available.