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### School Age Child Care Options for Families Still in Need of Care

#### **Summary**

As Delawareans return to work, and many children will not be returning to regular in-person learning, some families will be unable to be home with their child during the day for remote learning. While some families have made child care plans, those still seeking care have a few options. The State is working with districts and charter schools, licensed child care providers, and other organizations to create additional school age child care options for children 12 and under who need a place to go during the day for remote learning.

#### **Eligibility**

While care is open to any parent/guardian needing it, those who can stay at home with their child during remote learning or can make alternate care plans are encouraged to do so.

#### **Additional Child Care Capacity**

The following child care options are available to parents/guardians for school-age children.

- Licensed child care homes and centers have additional capacity to serve school age children. You can find a site near you at [this link](#). Parents/guardians will need to contact these child care centers and homes to inquire about open seats.
- Existing camps will be allowed to continue operations through the end of October. If a child attended a camp this summer, families may wish to contact the camp to see if it is continuing operation.
- Licensed child care providers may operate in school buildings in partnership with schools. Families may wish to contact their child's school or district to inquire about this option.

#### **Social Distancing and Face Coverings**

Per the recent modification to the state of emergency, children in kindergarten and older are required to wear face coverings, with few exceptions. Providers are responsible for ensuring proper usage. Concerns about compliance should go directly to the provider; concerns may also be communicated to the Office of Child Care Licensing (OCCL) at [occl.doe@delaware.gov](mailto:occl.doe@delaware.gov).

#### **Additional Information for Families**

Parents/guardians can also visit the new [My Child DE](#) site to learn about programs in their geographic area. For information about program costs, families should contact providers or POC directly at 1-866-843-7212.