Child Care Options During the COVID-19 School Closure

Child care is top of mind for many families, especially those on the front lines of the COVID-19 response.

Child Care Partners

We are partnering with our child care partners who operate at Seattle school sites to open child care for families of first responders and essential workers. More child care sites will open in the coming weeks. This webpage is updated daily as new sites open and as spaces become available. Note that different providers have different enrollment process.

Currently open for both preschool and school age children:

Per Governor Inslee’s request, we have asked these child care providers to prioritize students experiencing homelessness, children whose families qualify for Free and Reduced Lunch supports, and children of first responders which includes medical personnel, hospital/clinic personnel, EMTs, firefighters, essential SPS staff providing meals, child care workers, grocery store and pharmacy workers.

The providers below manage their own enrollment. Please contact them directly.

- Boys and Girls Club at B.F. Day Elementary **Spaces Available**
  - Contact: James Innelli, jinnelli@positiveplace.org
- Boys and Girls Club at Lawton Elementary **Spaces Available**
  - Contact: Lisa Oordt, loordt@positiveplace.org
- Boys and Girls Club at Salmon Bay K8 School **Spaces Available**
  - Contact: Amelia Reynolds, areynolds@positiveplace.org
- Boys and Girls Club at Daniel Bagley Elementary at the John Marshall building **Spaces Available**
  - Contact: Haylee Harper, hvisitacion@positiveplace.org
- Boys and Girls Club at Sacajawea Elementary **Spaces Available**
  - Contacts: stalley@positiveplace.org and sswain@positiveplace.org

Boys and Girls Club King County also has space available at non-school sites. Please visit the [Boys and Girls Club website](#) for more information.

- Kids Co at Cascadia Elementary Preschool and school age. **Full at this time**
  - Contact: COVIDresponse@kidscompany.org
- Kids Co at Graham Hill Elementary Preschool and school age. **Spaces Available**
  - Contact: COVIDresponse@kidscompany.org
- Kids Co at McDonald International Elementary School-age only. **Full at this time**
  - Contact: program@latonaschoolassociates.com
- Latona School Associates at John Stanford International Elementary School-age only. **Spaces Available**
  - Contact: program@latonaschoolassociates.com
- Whittier Kids at Whittier Elementary School-age only. **Spaces Available**
  - Contact: whittierkids@phinneycenter.org

City of Seattle Emergency Childcare

These sites serve frontline essential workers in the medical, healthcare, emergency services and food and grocery sectors as defined under Mayor Durkan’s Emergency Order on March 27, 2020.
Families can register for the following programs through the City of Seattle Emergency Care Referral Process.

- Creative Kids Learning Center at Viewlands Elementary **Preschool and school-age children only. Spaces Available.**
  - Contact Grace Alams, creativekidsseattle@gmail.com
- Launch at Beacon Hill International Elementary **Preschool and school age children. Spaces Available**
- Launch at Highland Park Elementary **Preschool and school age children. Spaces Available**
- Launch at Madrona Elementary **Preschool and school age children. Spaces Available**

Launch also has spaces at non-school sites. Please visit the Launch website for more information.

- Tiny Tots at Wing Luke Elementary **School age only. Full at this time.**
- Seed of Life at Martin Luther King, Jr. Elementary **School age only. Full at this time**

Child care providers will have limited capacity to minimize the risks of spreading coronavirus. Child care sites will follow the guidelines of the Washington Department of Health, including excluding caregivers and children who are showing symptoms of COVID-19, health screening at entry, social distancing, and hygiene practices and cleaning and disinfecting procedures.

SPS does not have funding to pay for child care. We are working with philanthropic and other municipal partners to find solutions to support operational and staffing costs. SPS Nutrition Services will provide breakfast and lunches to all of the sites.

**Additional Options**

In addition to these sites, other child care providers are currently operating in the Seattle area include:

- YMCA Seattle
- Boys and Girls Clubs of King County

**The Child Care Aware of Washington Family Center** is a statewide referral center that helps families find and pay for child care. They have a COVID Child Care Referral Webpage with supports in Chinese, English, Somali, Spanish, and Vietnamese. You may also contact the center at 1-800-446-1114.