



Care for Children of Families Working in Critical Sectors

Under the Governor's Executive Order 20-20 (Directing Minnesotans to Stay Home), workers providing critical services are exempt and able "to travel to and from an individual's place of work and an individual's performance of work duties, including transportation to and from child care or school settings as necessary to ensure the safe care of children".

In addition, under the Governor's Executive Order 20-19 (Distance Learning Period), school districts are "to provide care, at a minimum, to district enrolled students age 12 and under who are eligible children".

The care for children of these workers is intended for extreme circumstances in which no parent or guardian is available to care for a child due to employment as a critical worker.

In order to ensure that we are providing for the needs of our children, this guidance serves as a clarification for which critical sector workers are eligible for care.

Additionally, this guidance can be used by child care providers who are willing to prioritize the needs of these workers during this unprecedented emergency.

Please note that many, though not all, critical sector areas in the Governor's Executive Order 20-20 refer directly to the federal [Cybersecurity and Infrastructure and Security Agency \(CISA\) guidelines](#). For questions regarding definitions of the critical worker areas, please review these guidelines, Executive Order 20-20, and <http://mn.gov/deed/critical>.

School Districts and Charter Schools

School districts and charters are required to provide care for children of workers in the following **Tier 1** areas.

Tier 1

- Healthcare and public health
- Law enforcement, public safety and first responders
- Food and agriculture
- Judicial Branch (essential services)
- National Guard
- Educators and school staff providing care for critical workers in Tier 1 or Tier 2
- Childcare providers caring for children of any critical worker in the Governor's Executive Order