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**Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Limited Duration Centers
Frequently Asked Questions**

What is a Limited Duration Child Care Center? This is a center approved to provide temporary emergency child care to employees of a healthcare entity, First Responders (Law Enforcement, EMS, and Fire Departments), Corrections Officers, and DCBS Workers.

Who should complete the application to become a Limited Duration Center? An approved health care entity.

What is a health care entity?

A health entity is an entity that provides health care services. Health entities that qualify to apply for a Limited Duration Center include: Hospitals, Health Clinics, Long Term Care Facilities, Psychiatric Treatment Facilities, Residential Treatment for children, Ambulatory Surgery Centers, Drug Treatment Programs, Hospice, Residential Treatment Programs, Behavioral Health Providers, Rural Health Clinics, Community Mental Health Centers, Group Homes for the Intellectually Disabled, Private Duty Nursing Agencies, Residential Crisis Stabilization, Home Health, Renal Dialysis Centers.

How long will it take to be approved as a Limited Duration Center? Limited Duration Center approvals may be granted upon receipt of an application by a health entity, which has identified their two partnering providers. Clarification may be requested if needed.

Who determines what child care providers work with a health care entity? The Cabinet gives authority to an approved health care entity to partner with the YMCA and one (1) additional licensed child care provider who has a license in good standing and no outstanding civil penalties. If a YMCA location is not available in the health care entity's area, the entity may choose to partner with (2) licensed child care providers of the health care facility's choosing, as long as the child care provider has a license in good standing and no outstanding civil penalties.

What if there is no YMCA in my city/area? If a YMCA location is not available in the health care entity's area, the entity may choose to partner with (2) licensed child care providers of the health care facility's choosing, as long as the child care provider has a license in good standing and no outstanding civil penalties.

Can my daycare open if I have parents who are first responders, medical staff, or fire fighters? No. Only approved health care entities can partner with a Limited Duration Child Care Center.

Can the Limited Duration Center accept all children? Only the employees of a health care entity, first responder (Law enforcement, EMS, fire departments), correction officers and DCBS workers can use an LDC. Parents will be required to provide verification of employment documentation for their child's enrollment.

What age of children will the Limited Duration Center care for? Care will only be provided for children twelve (12) years of age and younger.

What are the hours of operation for a Limited Duration Center? The hours of operation will be determined by the health care entity and the Limited Duration Center based on the identified need.

How long can a child remain at a LDC? Children should not be permitted to attend longer than thirteen (13) hours at any given time.

How much will it cost for my child to attend the LDC? The recommended rate per day is \$50.00.

How many children can be cared for at an LDC center? Each location utilized by the LDC should account for 30 square feet per child.

If my employer intends to provide child care, can I select the center that cares for my child? As part of the application process, the health care entity will be required to identify the provider(s) to become the Limited Duration Centers. This may not be the center your child is currently attending.

If I am not a first responder, medical staff or fire fighter, can I take my child to a LDC? Pursuant to KRS 214.020 and Executive Order 2020-215, the Limited Duration Centers will provide child care for children of the following: Employees of a healthcare entity, First Responders (Law Enforcement, EMS, and Fire Departments), Corrections Officers, and DCBS Workers. Families using a Limited Duration Center will be required to provide verification of employment.

Where do I go for more information about the LDC in my area?

If you are employed at an identified health entity, please check with your employer for information regarding Limited Duration Centers. If you are a First Responder (Law Enforcement, EMS, and Fire Departments), Correctional Officer, and/or a DCBS Worker, please contact your local health entity for information. You may also contact the Division of Regulated Child Care to determine if a Limited Duration Child Care Center has been established in your area. Our number is 502-564-7962.

What are the requirements for a Limited Duration Center? Refer to the following link for additional details regarding the requirements of a LDC:
<https://chfs.ky.gov/cv19/ApprovedProvidersguidance.pdf>

If I worked at a child care center that is not in operation, can I work for the LDC? Yes. The qualifications for staff of the LDC include the following: must be eighteen years of age; must have a completed Background Check or an AOC/KSP criminal records check and a Child Abuse and Neglect Check. Additional qualifications can be found at: chfs.ky.gov/Pages/cvres.aspx

If I am a certified or registered provider, do I have to close through this state of emergency? What is my deadline for operating? Yes. Governor Andy Beshear directed all child-care centers, including Registered Providers and Certified Family Child Care Homes to cease operation at their normal close of business on March 20, 2020.

How long will child care centers be closed? No date has been determined at this time.