

The City of Los Angeles Emergency Childcare Program

Mayor Garcetti understands that there are many stresses and demands on our healthcare workers during this time, but he wants to help ensure that childcare isn't one of them. That is why he established an Emergency Childcare Program, designed to support essential healthcare workers who may need care for their children ages 6-14 and who have no other options. Following guidance from the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Health, the City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks will be providing a free childcare program.

Select recreation centers will be open from 6 AM to 8 PM seven days a week and will serve pre-registered cohorts of up to ten children per room. Children will receive three pre-packaged meals and two snacks during the day depending on the duration of their stay. Academic assistance and recreation activities will be provided at each center. Students will be encouraged to bring an electronic device to continue their distance learning classes provided by their school.

This program will initially be available only by invitation through hospital HR Departments. Due to strict County of Los Angeles Public Health guidelines regarding group stability and social distancing, parents must pre-register to participate in this program. Parents will be asked to show their hospital ID at drop off each day. All staff and youth will be screened for COVID-19 symptoms upon arrival each day. Anyone showing signs of illness will be isolated and asked to return home.

If you are interested in having your child participate in this program, please visit [shorturl.at/tGLSX](https://www.laparks.org/tGLSX). We will contact you to let you know when registration opens.

Who is this program for?

This program is for essential healthcare workers including but not limited to janitorial staff, cafeteria workers, lab technicians, nurses, and doctors. Because we have limited spots available, we ask that this resource is used by those who have no other childcare options available and would possibly miss shifts in order to care for their children.

Important Note

Because of the nature of the circumstances under which this program is being created, please note that we cannot accept children who are sick and/or showing symptoms consistent with a respiratory infection. Daily health screenings, including a temperature check, will be done for all staff and children on arrival. Anyone with a temperature over 100.4 will be sent home, and

should remain home for a minimum of 7 days after onset of symptoms and until their symptoms are gone and they are free of fever for at least 72 hours without fever-reducing medication.

A child who has been exposed to someone who has respiratory illness should remain home for 14 days to see if they develop symptoms of illness. Home quarantine of an exposed child reduces the chances of spread to other children and staff. If no symptoms appear within 14 days, the child may return to the child care facility.

For additional information, please email myr-emergencychildcare@lacity.org.