The Louisiana Department of Health has strongly urged that all children stay at home if at all possible. Respite Child Care Services are intended for parents / guardians who have no other option for child care, as they are essential to public order during the COVID-19 Pandemic.

If you are employed by one of the industries below and you have the option to keep your child in private care with trusted family or friends, you are strongly recommended to do so. Thank you for doing your part in protecting public health and safety.

- **Criminal Justice**: Including court, correctional, and law enforcement workers;
- **Critical Infrastructure**: Including electrical, plumbing, water, telecommunications;
- **Education**: Including providers of childcare and education, custodial, and support services, who do not do their work remotely;
- **First-Responders**: Including firefighters, law enforcement, emergency medical services, 3-1-1 and 9-1-1 call center staff;
- **Food Supply**: Including grocery and food supply workers;
- **Healthcare**: Including workers at health clinics, hospitals, nursing homes, long-term care facilities, emergency medical services, Public Health employees;
- **Medical Supply**: Including manufacturers of medical devices, equipment, and supplies;
- **Military**: Including active duty military staff;
- **Pharmacy**: Including employees of pharmacies;
- **Sanitation**: Including State, Municipal, and Commercial Public Works/Sanitation crews; hazardous materials crews;
- **State Employees**: Including State employees deemed essential for response to this crisis;
- **Supply Chain**: Including postal workers, delivery drivers, fuel distribution workers;
- **Transportation**: Public transit drivers, personnel, and support staff; roadways and related infrastructure workers

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This list may be updated frequently as this situation evolves. A full list of critical infrastructure personnel who qualify for the Louisiana’s respite care programs (including emergency care and Child Care Assistance) is available here. Eligibility for Respite Child Care is not a guarantee of care. Child care availability is limited.

If you are a critical infrastructure worker who needs assistance paying for child care, you can apply for Louisiana’s new expedited Child Care Assistance Program. For more information, read [LDOE Press Release on Expanded CCAP Eligibility for Critical Personnel](#) and complete the [LDOE CCAP application for critical personnel](#), which can be emailed, faxed or mailed in to the Louisiana Department of Education.