

COVID-19 - School District Child Care Plan - Child Care

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LEA Information

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Please provide information about your district plan for providing child-care during the COVID-19 crisis.

1. Children Ages 4 and below:

Child-Care Provider	Capacity (If Known)	Name of Entity (If Known)
<input type="checkbox"/> Child-care will be provided by school personnel in a school in my district	70	Viking Child Care Center
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Child-care will be provided by an outside entity (such as a community based organization, approved pre-school provider, school-age childcare provider or after school program)		
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2. Children ages 5-18 (school age)

Child-Care Provider	Capacity (If Known)	Name of Entity (If Known)
<input type="checkbox"/> Child-care will be provided by school personnel in a school in my district	70	Capital District YMCA
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Child-care will be provided by an outside entity (such as a community based organization, approved pre-school provider, school-age child care provider or after school program)		
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3. Provide additional information about how parents and families will be notified of child-care availability and how the needs of families that are first responders or healthcare workers will be prioritized and met. (Up to 1000 words)

The East Greenbush Central School District will open School Age Childcare Centers (DSACC) in coordination with the Capital District YMCA to accommodate the necessary care of children of essential service providers and health care workers. The School District serves 4,083 students and families in Rensselaer County. In order to maintain our critical county and municipal services (first responders, health care, etc.), The Capital District YMCA will provide a safe and supportive environment for children whose parents need this critical service at this time. The School District will open a center at the YMCA with the capacity to serve up to 70 students. In the event that childcare providers need to increase capacity and to ensure compliance with all guidelines, the School District will consider making available a site within a school district building.

The hours of the District School Age Childcare Center (DSACC) at the YMCA will be Monday to Friday, 7 am to 6 pm. In the event that extended hours are needed to meet childcare needs of first responders and health care workers, the School District will work with the YMCA to provide extended hours. Each room will have a maximum of 10 children, supported by at least one adult; this size will allow for differentiated attention and will meet social distancing needs. Children will have opportunities to participate in remote learning with their regular school peers, as is the case for all students in our school district. Children will have opportunities to engage in art, music, and physical education activities to broaden their learning. Staff will respond to participating children's social and emotional needs in a safe and supportive environment. Children will be offered a site based on the home address and with preference for the parent or guardian's role in providing essential services in the local community or county (first responders, health care workers, etc.).

The DSACC will be staffed by community-based staff. The supervisors will have the appropriate administrative certificate.

On March 19, 2020, the District website at www.egcsd.org posted a notice that the Capital District YMCA was responding to the critical need for childcare services for emergency personnel while schools were closed due to the Coronavirus COVID-19 pandemic. The notice identified that beginning at 7 am on Monday, March 23, 2020, the YMCA would provide childcare for emergency personnel who do not have the option to work from home, as defined by the New York State Education Department. It defined emergency health care professionals as licensed health professionals such as physicians, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, registered nurses, LPNs, nurse assistants or laboratory personnel and direct support professionals. Additionally, the notice said the childcare service applied to first responders, including paramedics, emergency medical technicians, police officers, and firefighters. The notice gave the online registration link at www.CDYMCA.org/Emergency/Childcare and a phone number for the Capital District YMCA at 518-869-3500.

The Capital District YMCA website at www.cdymca.org, main page, has a bold banner indicating COVID-19 update: our fitness centers are closed to focus on caring for and feeding children. It notes "we are providing emergency care for essential workers, including medical personnel and first responders". The YMCA has a link to the complete list of "essential workers" as defined by the Governor's Office.

For children four and under, school district residents may access one of the following three sites: Viking Child Care Center, HVCC, 80 Vandenberg Avenue, Troy, NY and Creative Minds Daycare-Troy NY Family Day Care, Stowe Avenue, Troy, NY and Bloom and Grow, 706 Bloominggrove Drive, Rensselaer, NY. These sites will start day care on March 26, 2020. The total capacity among the three sites is estimated at 20 children. Parents and families will be notified on the school district website at www.egcsd.org on March 26, 2020. Preference will be given to first responders and health care workers by the sites based on inquiries.