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## **Child-Care/Day-Care Closures**

Under an executive order issued last week, Governor Baker required all early education centers and family child-care providers to close, starting tomorrow, Monday March 23<sup>rd</sup> to mitigate the spread of COVID-19. The Department of Early Education and Care issued emergency procedures designed to open exempt emergency child care programs to meet the needs of families of emergency personnel, medical staff, and others critical to confronting COVID-19.

The Department of Early Education and Care put procedures in place to quickly review applications for emergency programs, and to conduct expedited background record checks for teachers and staff. Starting tomorrow some selected sites for emergency drop in services for those that must report to work and critical workers (first responders, medical including grocery store workers). This should be utilized as a last resort. Additional details can be found at: [bit.ly/echildcare](https://bit.ly/echildcare)