

# **Solano County Emergency PopUp Childcare Program:**

Overview and Important Information for Parents and Guardians

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## **Overview:**

The Solano County Emergency PopUp Childcare is being coordinated by First 5 Solano on behalf of the Solano County Office of Emergency Services. The Solano County Emergency PopUp Childcare Program is currently open and supporting **the following:**

1. Healthcare workers and first responders
2. Disaster services workers
3. Essential employees including, but are not limited to, employees in the following settings:
  - Grocery stores, food banks, restaurants, and food delivery
  - Gas stations and auto-repair facilities
  - Transportation providers
  - Childcare facilities
  - Water, sewer, solid waste, gas, and electrical operations
  - Mailing and shipping services
  - Banks
  - Hardware stores, warehouses, and distribution centers
  - Construction
  - Laundry service
  - Telecommunications, internet, and media services

This program is not open to the general public. Drop-in childcare is not being offered.

All childcare centers will follow social distancing, sanitation, and hygiene practices described in the March 18, 2020 COVID-19 for childcare providers, Solano County Public Health.

## **Current Status:**

We currently have space available for infants through school age children in Vallejo and school age children in Fairfield. If you fall into one of the categories above and need care, please complete the intake form.

If the current care settings listed above do not meet your needs, we will explore alternatives to connect you to childcare.

## **Important note:**

Public Health has advised that the best option for your child is to stay at home and have care provided by household members. However, for some essential workers, this is not feasible. In those situations, we are providing opportunities to access care following the local, state and federal guidelines for the prevention of the spread of COVID-19.

**Application and Registration:**

To apply for this program, parents / guardians are asked to fill out this [Questionnaire](#). You will be contacted within 24 hours by First 5 Solano/Office of Emergency Services staff to verify your information and locate the best placement for your child(ren). **To be granted a spot, you must confirm eligibility and acceptance within 24 hours of placement. In addition, you must attend on the first day that you accept care to begin or notify us if your need for care is delayed.**

**Registration Forms:**

Upon assignment, parents / guardians must complete the registration form required by the site of placement which includes important health, medical dietary, and emergency contact information. These may be sent to you in advance to complete or may be provided on the first day of care.

**Cost:**

At this time, there is no cost to families for care. Should this change, you will be notified and be able to make the decision on whether to continue care.

**Locations:**

At this time, the following locations are available:

- Children ages 0-2 (and siblings if applicable) will be provided care through family childcare homes.
- Preschool and school age children who need care in Vallejo will be provided care at Cooper Elementary School (612 Del Mar Ave, Vallejo).
- School age children who need care in Fairfield will be referred to the Kroc Center.

Locations may change depending on availability and need. Staff will discuss and consider the needs of each family individually to ensure the best fit.

**Meal Service:**

Meals service is site dependent and you will be notified during placement if your site will providing meals and/or snacks. Parents/guardians will need to provide formula and/or breast milk and any necessary feeding supplies for infants/toddlers. If children have special dietary needs, we'll do everything we can to accommodate them, and please feel free to provide any supplemental items as needed. Please do provide detailed

information on your registration form regarding any special dietary needs and/or allergies.

### **Intake Check-In and Pick up / Sign Out:**

Our goal is to limit outside adult interaction beyond the site staff and children, and we greatly appreciate your support in helping our registration and check-in team develop an efficient check-in and check-out system. Parents/guardians must present valid photo ID at check-out.

### **Health & Safety Checks:**

It is vital that all parents and guardians keep children at home if they are sick until a fever has been gone for at least 24 hours without the use of medicine. Temperatures will be checked daily upon check-in. If a child's temperature is above 100.4 degrees using a forehead thermometer, they will be excluded from participation.

Parents will be required to respond to a health screening questionnaire daily upon intake to ensure children are well to participate. Children will also be monitored for signs of illness throughout the day including:

- Headache or tiredness, unable to participate in routine activities or need more care than staff can provide
- Fever
- Behavior changes, difficulty breathing, uncontrolled coughing, unusually tired, persistent crying, etc.
- Open sores, rash, signs of infection, etc.
- Runny nose with colored mucus

If children are exhibiting any of the above symptoms, they will be physically separated from the group. ***Parents / guardians are required to and must agree to come pick up their child without delay if they are exhibiting these symptoms.***

### **Best Practices:**

Administrators and staff will make every effort to implement best practices as defined by the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) including:

- Review all updates from CDC, CDSS and local public health on guidance for childcare centers
- Clean and disinfect frequently following Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidance for schools and childcare centers.
- Have clearly designated family drop off/pick up station
- Screen all children/family/any visitors before entry
- Self-screen at home before coming to work
- Stay home if showing or experiencing any sign of sickness

- Post signage of COVID 19, risk assessment and preventative measures
- Limit parents from entering classrooms and child care spaces
- Require children to conduct handwashing as their first activity upon arrival each day
- Keep play materials on site; and not be sent home
- Implement social distancing best practices including no hugs or shaking hands
- Teach and model social distancing
- Keep emergency contact information up to date

**Questions and Contacts:**

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