

Dear friends,

By now you have heard that the Governor's office has mandated a stay at home order in an effort to support social isolation due to the COVID-19 pandemic. We understand this was a tough decision and was not made lightly. We also understand this will create a hardship for our communities, childcare providers, and families. Some families have the ability to work remotely, while other essential workers do not have that option. These families may be left without care for their children.

YWCA Metropolitan Chicago is here to support essential workers in finding back-up care arrangements. If you are an essential worker in need of child care, please email us at emergencychildcare@ywcachicago.org or call our hotline at 800 781 7247. Once we receive your information, we will work to connect you to a child care provider willing to provide care for your children.

Payments for services will be reimbursed through a grant process to child care providers for qualifying parents. Essential workers who do not qualify for the grant will need to pay the child care provider directly.

Thank you in advance for providing needed supports to our community during these challenging times.

Be well,

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