

Shelter in Place: What Does This Mean for Childcare Programs, K-12 Schools, and Universities in the Bay Area?

Childcare Programs

- Childcare facilities and other educational or recreational institutions or programs may operate if they serve parents who work in essential businesses* or outdoor businesses, perform minimum basic operations for a business, or work as an essential governmental employee, as defined in the May 4 Order — whether those people are working from home or from a business facility (e.g., a doctor doing telemedicine from home). Under the San Francisco Shelter in Place Order, facilities must comply with the following conditions to the extent possible:
 - children must be cared for in stable groups of 10 or fewer according to stricter state guidelines (stable: the same children are in the same group each day)
 - groups of children may not mix with each other (If more than one group is cared for at one facility, each group shall be in a separate room)
 - providers may not circulate between groups.
- Common area(s) (entry/exit areas; bathrooms; outdoor play space) may be shared by multiple groups. However, their use of these areas should be staggered as much as possible so as to minimize contact with each other.
- Childcare establishments are also subject to the State's Shelter in Place Order and state licensing requirements.

In-home Care

- In-home care (i.e. nannies and babysitters) are allowed.
- A childcare program may assign staff to care for children of participating families for in-home care.
- Ideally those providing in-home care should remain with a specific household and should not circulate between households.

K-12 Schools

- Schools should not hold classes at physical locations. However, schools may continue providing distance learning to their students.
- School employees are encouraged to telework, but may go to a physical location for the purpose of providing distance learning to their students. Social distancing measures should be maintained at the work place (keeping more than 6 ft apart, virtual meetings, etc).
- Schools can also continue to offer students free and reduced price lunches for pick-up and take-away only. Meals cannot be eaten at the site provided or at any other gathering site.

University

- Schools should not hold classes at physical locations. However, schools may continue providing distance learning to their students.
- School employees are encouraged to telework, but may go to a physical location for the purpose of providing distance learning to their students. Social distancing measures should be maintained at the work place (keeping more than 6 ft apart, virtual meetings, etc).
- Students who live on campus should shelter in place in their own living quarters.

* Examples of Essential Businesses:

- Healthcare organizations, such as hospitals, medical and mental health clinics, doctor offices, pharmacies, health care supply stores, and other health care facilities;
- Grocery stores, certified farmers' markets, farm and produce stands, supermarkets, food banks, convenience stores, and other store groceries;
- Food cultivation;
- Gas stations and auto-supply, auto-repair, and related facilities;
- Banks and related financial institutions;
- Garbage and sanitation services and collection;
- Hardware stores, and plumbers, electricians, exterminators, and other service providers who provide services that are necessary to maintaining safety and sanitation;
- Schools, for distance learning and providing meals;
- Laundromats and laundry service providers;
- Restaurants and other prepared food facilities, but only for delivery or carry out;
- Businesses that supply products needed for people to work from home;
- Businesses that supply other essential businesses with the support or supplies necessary to operate;
- Businesses that ship or deliver groceries, food, goods or services directly to residences;
- Airlines, taxis, and other private transportation providers providing transportation services necessary for Essential Activities;
- Home-based care for seniors, adults, or children;
- Residential facilities and shelters for seniors, adults, and children;
- Professional services, such as legal or accounting services, when necessary to assist in compliance with legally mandated activities; and
- Childcare facilities providing services that enable employees exempted in this Order to work as permitted.

