

Payment for Pandemic Child Care Programs and Publicly Funded Child Care

Temporary Pandemic Child Care Programs that were previously licensed/certified child care programs will receive both the closure payments and pandemic child care payments for children determined eligible for publicly funded child care (PFCC).

Pandemic Child Care Payments:

- ✓ Temporary Pandemic Programs will be issued a weekly PFCC Pandemic payment as determined by the new “Provider Agreement for Publicly Funded Pandemic Child Care Services” and Appendix A.
- ✓ The PFCC pandemic payment is based on the 5-star rates for the providers’ county, the number and ages of enrolled children whose parents are providing health, safety or essential services who are determined eligible for PFCC.
- ✓ In order to receive payment, providers must submit the spreadsheet, the enrollment forms and verification of the parent’s employment as providing health, safety or essential services to: PandemicChildCare@jfs.ohio.gov Instructions for stringing documents together can be found here: <http://earlychildhoodohio.org/sutq/pdf/OCLQSHowtoStringPDF.pdf>
 - **All pandemic programs must submit the spreadsheet, all enrollment and verification forms to ODJFS by Monday, March 30, 2020 at 10:00 am.**
 - In order to receive payment for this pay period, if any new children are enrolled after the documents are submitted as required in the previous bullet, the spreadsheet, with the added children, and all new enrollment and verification forms must be submitted by April 6, 2020.
- ✓ The first payment settlement date is the week of April 12, 2020 with a deposit date of 5-7 business days after that date.
- ✓ The “Child Care Application and Payment Process” document is posted here: <http://jfs.ohio.gov/cdc/docs/Pandemic-Child-Care-Application-and-Payment-Processes.pdf>

Publicly Funded Child Care Closure Payments:

- ✓ For Thursday, March 26 – Saturday, March 28, 2020, programs should submit for pandemic day payments to make them whole for this week. Instructions for how to enter these days into the TAP system are located here: <https://ohiocctap.info/programs/covid-19/>
- ✓ All licensed programs with a provider agreement pursuant to section 5104.32 of the Ohio Revised Code, which is a signed agreement to provide PFCC, will be paid a weekly PFCC payment beginning the service week of March 29, 2020, settlement date April 5, 2020.
- ✓ The weekly closure payment will be a flat payment based on the services provided the week of January 26- February 1, 2020 for PFCC providers operating that week. Family co-payment cannot be collected. Any new PFCC providers who completed a provider agreement after that week will have payment based on a payment issued since that time.
- ✓ This payment will be issued until the Executive Order is lifted and normal child care can resume.