

# School Age Care During COVID-19

During the 2020-2021 school year, the State of Michigan is offering the flexibility to help quality providers respond to these child care needs. This document summarizes when a site needs to be licensed and whether a site is eligible to receive the child care subsidy. For full guidance, please see:

- [School Age FAQ](#), from LARA Child Care Licensing
- [Temporary Waiver of Administrative Rule 400.11101\(1\)](#) from LARA Camp Licensing
- [Child care subsidy guidance](#) from MDE

## Licensed Child Care Homes and Centers



**Licensed homes and centers can serve school age children** who are not attending in person learning—including before and after care. Providers may need to modify their license if they need to add new space or add children ages 5-12 to their license. Contact your licensing consultant to get started.



**Subsidy is available to approved providers.** If a family is new to your site, they must complete the [Provider Verification Form](#) to designate your site as their child care environment. See the child care subsidy guidance for limits on when subsidy may be charged for care.

## Licensed Camps



**Licensed camps can serve school age children** who are not attending in person learning—including before and after care. Camps wishing to modify the season term must submit a Program Interim Notification form updating their dates and hours of operation.



**Subsidy is not available** to camp operators.

## K-12 Schools



**A school may provide safe spaces for school-age children to participate in virtual instruction.** This would be considered a type of school and does not require a child care license provided that the program is:

- Offered in a school building
- Operated by the school, district, or ISD
- Serves children in grades kindergarten or older
- Operates during regular school hours. Before and after care still must be licensed.



**Subsidy is only available if the school is operating a licensed child care.** If a family is new to your site, they must complete [Provider Verification Form](#) to designate your site as their child care environment. See the child care subsidy guidance for limits on when subsidy may be charged for care. center.

## Community Partners

We're grateful to the many community partners working to provide safe spaces for students to participate in virtual instruction. In general, if these services are offered in community spaces and serve children under age 12, they must be licensed. Contact the [child care licensing area manager](#) in your region for more information.

### ***We are committed to partnering with you!***

If you need assistance determining whether a child care license is needed, contact Sharon Riebel at [RiebelS@michigan.gov](mailto:RiebelS@michigan.gov).

