

COVID-19 Preparedness

Helpful Thoughts for Childcare Resources

We appreciate everything our employees are doing in response to COVID-19. We know you also have family to take care of. In order to assist our employees who may have childcare issues due to COVID-19 we have listed some ideas and resources that are available.

Be Prepared

Now is the time to plan ahead with a back-up plan for childcare or back-up transportation for children, in the event your regular childcare provider or school is closed. Some ideas for a back-up plan could include:

- Asking your current childcare provider if they have a back-up plan or back-up caregiver in case they need to close.
- Arrange for a backup childcare facility.
- Contact a family member in advance for assistance.
- Contact a neighbor in advance for assistance.
- Share resources in your department. Talk with your co-workers. Maybe you can go together to share the same childcare provider.
- Trade off childcare with a co-worker if you work alternate schedules.
- Contact the YMCA for school aged children.
- Arrange alternative transportation in case you may need assistance picking your child up from school or daycare.
- Contact the Employee Assistance Program for help finding daycare: 800.999.7222 or anthemEAP.com.

Additional Childcare Resources

- Care.com is a free, searchable resource for childcare in your area.

Emergency Preparedness

- FEMA (www.fema.gov / www.ready.gov)
- American Red Cross (www.redcross.org)
- American Academy of Pediatrics Family Readiness Kit (www.aap.org/en-us/documents/disasters_family_readiness_kit.pdf)

Non-governmental Organizations Supporting Children in Disasters

- American Red Cross (www.redcross.org)
- Save the Children (www.savethechildren.org)
- Church of the Brethren Children Disaster Services (www.brethren.org/cds)

Environmental Health and Child Care

- Environmental Protection Agency (www.epa.gov/childcare)
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (www.emergency.cdc.gov)

Children's Mental Health Disasters

- Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (www.samhsa.gov)

FEMA Child Care Services

- Child Care Assistance (www.fema.gov/media-library/assets/documents/133703)
Office of Human Services Emergency Preparedness and Response Resource List
- Early Childhood Disaster-Related Resources (www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ohsepr/early-childhood)
- Children and Youth Task Force (<https://www.acf.hhs.gov/ohsepr/preparedness-resiliency/children-youth-task-forces-in-disaster>)



