Effective Friday, March 27 after 5 p.m., all Maryland child care centers will close, except those caring for children of essential personnel. During this State of Emergency, child care programs have been established by the State to serve only designated essential personnel.

**WHO IS ELIGIBLE?**
All employees deemed essential that are required to work to maintain the health, safety and welfare of the public. To view a full list of these personnel, visit: bit.ly/MDEssentialChildcare

**WHAT WILL IT COST?**
These programs are at **NO COST** to designated essential personnel.

**HOW DO I FIND A PROVIDER?**
Eligible programs may be found on the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) website at earlychildhood.marylandpublicschools.org or by using the “LOCATE: Child Care” resource, a telephone service that is available by phone Monday - Friday at 877-261-0060 between 7 AM and 7 PM.

**LIST OF ESSENTIAL EMPLOYEES ELIGIBLE FOR PROGRAM**
(list is not all inclusive)
- Public Safety/First Responders
- Health Care Workers/Providers
- Essential Government Employees
- Transportation/Delivery Personnel
- Utility Workers
- Food Distributors and Suppliers
- Gas Station Operators/Mechanics

For more information, call 877-261-0060 or visit earlychildhood.marylandpublicschools.org