

Financial Guidelines as of April 6, 2020

We reserve the right to modify guidance based on the needs of child care facilities during this pandemic.

General Provisions:

- An **average payment** is defined as the county average of the current Purchase of Care/tiered reimbursement rate by center type (center-based or family-based) for infant/toddler/all other/school age slots.
- **Vacant seats** are defined as the total licensed capacity minus enrollment (private pay and POC).
- **Co-Pays** will be waived for families utilizing POC.

Essential Child Care Sites:

- *POC/Tiered Reimbursement:* Continue to receive purchase of care and tiered reimbursement based on February enrollment at the normal rate of pay.
- *Private Pay:* Centers may continue to receive private pay payments.
- *Enhanced Reimbursement:* Receive the average payment for vacant slots weekly, in order to pay staff and meet the requirements set forth by DPH and OCCL.

County-Based Average	Child Care Center	Family Child Care
New Castle County	\$211.39	\$150.26
Kent County	\$156.60	\$121.72
Sussex County	\$156.60	\$116.79

***Enhanced Reimbursement is estimated at the above, but could be modified throughout the pandemic.*

Facilities that close and agree to pay staff: Must certify you are paying staff.

- *POC/Tiered Reimbursement:* Continue to receive full payment for POC/Tiered Reimbursement slots filled at time of closing.
- *Private Pay:* If you are continuing to receive private pay, you may continue.
- *Reimbursement:* Receive 70% of the average payment weekly for vacant slots at time of closing.

County-Based Average	Child Care Center	Family Child Care
New Castle County	\$147.97	\$105.18
Kent County	\$109.62	\$85.20
Sussex County	\$109.62	\$81.75

***Reimbursement figures are estimated at the above, but could be modified throughout the pandemic.*

Facilities that close and do NOT pay staff:

- *POC/Tiered Reimbursement:* Receive 20% of the POC/Tiered Reimbursement payment for utilized slots at the time of closing.
- *Reimbursement:* For vacant slots, you will receive 20% of 70% weekly of the average payment.

County-Based Average	Child Care Center	Family Child Care
New Castle County	\$29.59	\$21.04
Kent County	\$21.92	\$17.04
Sussex County	\$21.92	\$16.35

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*For up-to-date information, please visit the [COVID-19 child care site](#) or contact the [Office of Early Learning](#).