Member Update: Childcare Options for Healthcare Workers During COVID-19
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NYSNA knows that childcare needs for many nurses have increased amid the COVID-19 pandemic. We have compiled this resource of childcare options for healthcare and other essential workers across the state, organized by region. Northwell members can find additional resources on the last page.

NEW YORK CITY

The New York City Department of Education has established free Regional Enrichment Centers to provide childcare for essential workers while schools are closed. Staffed by DOE employees and community-based organization partners, the centers will provide children with three daily hot meals, remote learning time with their teachers, activities like art, music, and physical education, and social and emotional support.

There are Regional Enrichment Centers available in every borough of New York City.

Read the Family FAQ here: https://on.nyc.gov/3a9ptiy
Fill out this form to enroll: https://bit.ly/34EmmOv

SUFFOLK COUNTY

Suffolk County is offering a free childcare program for first responders, medical professionals including Registered Nurses, and transit workers during the COVID-19 epidemic. Hours are Monday through Friday, 7 AM–6:30 PM for children Pre-K through Grade 6. Register at the following link if you live in Suffolk County: https://www.scopeonline.us/scope-emergency-child-care/

WESTCHESTER COUNTY

All school districts in Westchester County are now providing childcare for kids ages 5-12 whose parents don't have other childcare options. The service is available to all county residents and those healthcare and workers and first responders who live outside of Westchester but work in the county.

The hours are from 8 AM to 6 PM five days a week.
Residents should contact individual districts directly for more information. Below is a list of daycare sites by district:

- Ardsley: Concord Road Elementary School
- Bedford: Mount Kisco Elementary School
- Blind Brook: Bruno M Ponterio Ridge Street School
- Bronxville: Bronxville Elementary School
- Byram Hills: Armonk Children’s Corner
- Croton-Harmon: Carrie E. Tompkins Elementary School
- Dobbs Ferry: Coordinated with existing after-school program at Springhurst Elementary School
- Edgemont: Edgemont High School
- North Castle: Kenneth B. Clark Academy
- Harrison: Harrison Elementary School
- Hastings on Hudson: Pre-K to 4th Grade: Hillside Elementary School; 5th and 6th Grade: Farragut Middle School
- Hendrick Hudson: Hendrick Hudson Elementary School
- Irvington: Dows Lane Elementary School
- Katonah-Lewisboro: Elementary School
- Mount Vernon: Holmes Elementary School and additional childcare resources will be provided at Macedonian Baptist Church; Mount Vernon Heights Congregational Church and Allen Memorial Church or the Church of God in Christ
- New Rochelle: City School District of New Rochelle’s District Offices (second floor of New Rochelle City Hall)
- Ossining: Park Elementary School
- Peekskill: Uriah Hill Elementary School
- Pelham: Siwanoy and Hutchinson Elementary Schools
- Pocantico Hills: Contact district for details.
- Rye City: Rye High School or Rye Middle School
- Somers: Somers Intermediate School
- Tarrytown: John Paulding Elementary School
- Valhalla: Easter Seals or Valhalla Middle/High School
- White Plains: Post Road Elementary School between 9 AM – 3 PM
- Yonkers: Casimir Pulaski School (150 Kings Cross Rd, Scarsdale), Montessori School 31 (7 Ravenswood Road), School 17 (745 Midland Ave)
- Yorktown: Yorktown High School between 8 AM – 4 PM

Westchester County will also provide supplementary childcare sites at the following locations:

- The Carver Center in Port Chester from 8 AM – 6 PM for children ages 4 to 12. Will provide lunches.
- SUNY Purchase Children’s Center.
• The Virginia Marx Children’s Center at Westchester Community College from 7 AM – 6 PM Monday through Friday.
• The Westchester County Center

HUDSON VALLEY

The YMCA of Kingston and Ulster County is providing childcare to children of essential workers at the following locations, Monday-Friday from 8 AM – 4 PM. Visit this link to register: https://ymcaulster.org/emergency-child-care/

• Ellenville Elementary School – 28 Maple Avenue, Ellenville NY
• Marbletown Elementary School – 12 Pine Bush Road, Stone Ridge NY
• New Paltz (Lenape Elementary School) – 1 Eugene L Brown Drive, New Paltz NY
• Kingston YMCA – 507 Broadway, Kingston NY (Pine Grove Entrance)

CAPITAL DISTRICT

The following Capital District schools are providing care for children of essential workers. Hours are 7 AM to 6 PM, Monday-Friday.

• Arbor Hill Elementary (1 Arbor Drive, Albany NY 12207)
• Eagle Point Elementary (1044 Western Avenue, Albany NY 12203)
• Giffen Elementary (274 South Pearl Street, Albany, NY 12202)
• Hoosick Falls Central School (21187 NY RT 22, Hoosick Falls, NY 12090)
• New Scotland Elementary (369 New Scotland Avenue, Albany, NY 12208)
• Philip Schuyler Achievement (676 Clinton Avenue, Albany, NY 12206)
• Sheridan Preparatory Academy (400 Sheridan Avenue, Albany, NY 12206)

YMCA has also extended services to children of essential workers at the following Capital District locations. Visit this site to register: https://cdymca.org/emergencychildcare/

• Bethlehem — 900 Delaware Ave, Delmar, NY 12054
• Duanesburg — 221 Victoria Drive, Delanson, NY 12053
• Glenside — 127 Droms Road, Glenville, NY 12302
• Greenbush — 20 Community Way, East Greenbush, NY 12061
• Greene County — 35 Rt. 81, Hope Plaza, West Coxsackie, NY 12192
• Guilderland — 250 Winding Brook Drive, Guilderland, NY 12084
• Schenectady — 433 State Street, Schenectady, NY 12305
• Southern Saratoga — 1 Wall Street, Clifton Park, NY 12065
• Troy — 2500 21st Street, Troy, NY 12180

The Y has also partnered with several organizations to provide food for children in Albany, Greenbush, Schenectady, and Troy.
ERIE COUNTY

The Erie County Emergency Child Care Task Force partnered with the Child Care Resource Network to match essential workers in need of childcare with state-licensed child care providers who remain open and have vacancies for those children. Call a Child Care Navigator at (716) 877-6666 ext. 3064, or fill out this survey: https://conta.cc/3acghdv

YMCA is also offering childcare at the Downtown Y on 31 West 10th street. You can apply here: https://bit.ly/3aacv3X

FULTON COUNTY

The YMCA of Fulton County is providing childcare to children of essential workers. Register at this link: https://www.fultoncountyymca.org/community-resources

CENTRAL NEW YORK

The YMCA of Central New York is providing childcare at a rate of $20/day for children of essential workers. Hours are Monday-Friday 7AM – 6PM. Call (315) 474-6851 or follow this link to register: https://ycny.org/blog/providing-child-care-those-need

CHAMPLAIN VALLEY, VT

The State of Vermont is ensuring childcare for children of essential workers. To enroll please fill out this form: https://bit.ly/2V4qF2j

NORTHWEST MEMBERS

In partnership with Bright Horizons, who provides this service, Northwell is offering a total of 20 center-based, in-home or “crisis care” visits at no cost to you now through April 30. This offering is in addition to the 10 visits per calendar year that we currently offer at low copays to a smaller population of eligible employees whose regular care routine might not be available.

Here’s how the updated reservation process works for this free benefit:

- Complete your care profile: Allow about 15 minutes to provide necessary information about your loved one(s) such as allergies, emergency contacts, and doctor's information.
All information is stored in a confidential database and can be updated by you at any time.

- To reserve care: Click the “Reservation” tab or the “Request a New Reservation” button. For guidelines on back-up care related to COVID-19, visit brighhorizons.com/covid19
- To use the “Crisis Care”/Out-of-Network option: Secure child care from within your personal network (a neighbor, friend, or babysitter) and receive a reimbursement of $100 per day — requests must be made through the website by choosing the “Crisis Care” option during the reservation process.