



Dear Child Day Care Parent:

Effective immediately, child day care operations are only able to provide child day care services to essential service employees and to children receiving protective day care from the Department of Family & Protective Services (DFPS).

On March 31st, Governor Abbott issued [Executive Order GA 14](#) implementing Essential Services and Activities Protocols for the entire state of Texas. The protocols direct all Texans to minimize non-essential gatherings and in-person contact with people who are not in the same household. The Governor's Executive Order renews and amends [his previous order](#) enforcing federal social distancing guidelines for COVID-19. The protocols allow exceptions for essential activities and services based on the [Department of Homeland Security's guidelines on the Essential Critical Infrastructure Workforce](#). Examples of these essential services include healthcare, grocery stores, banking and financial services, utilities, child care for essential service employees, and government services.

Before a parent can continue using child day care services, the parent will be required to verify his or her essential service employee status or that DFPS has authorized the parent to receive protective day care services. The approved essential services are specified by the [US Department of Homeland Security](#) and the [Texas Division of Emergency Management](#).

Thank you,

Child Care Regulation

Health and Human Services Commission

Attestation of Child Day Care for Essential Workers – Child Care Regulation

This form is used to attest that the parent of a child enrolled at a child day care operation is designated as an “essential worker” according to the guidelines set by the [U.S. Department of Homeland Security in its Guidance on the Essential Critical Infrastructure Workforce](#).

Section A – Identifying Information

Child Name	Parent Name	
Address	City	ZIP Code
Mailing Address (if different)	City	ZIP Code
Parent Phone No.	Parent Work Phone No.	

Section B – Essential Worker Information

Job Title	Employer Name	
Employer Address	City	ZIP Code

Please answer the following section to attest that the parent is employed in one (or more) of the following job categories as an essential worker:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Health Care/Public Health | <input type="checkbox"/> Chemical |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Law Enforcement/Public Safety/Other First Responder | <input type="checkbox"/> Defense Industrial Base |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Food and Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Residential/Shelter Facilities and Services |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Energy | <input type="checkbox"/> Hygiene Products and Services |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Water and Wastewater | <input type="checkbox"/> Other Community or Government-based Essential Functions |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation and Logistics | <input type="checkbox"/> Religious Services Conducted in Churches, Congregations, and Houses of Worship |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communication and Information Technology | <input type="checkbox"/> Any other category added to the list of essential services maintained by the Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) or the U.S. Department of Homeland Security in its Guidance on the Essential Critical Infrastructure Workforce |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Public Works and Infrastructure Support Services | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hazardous Materials | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Financial Services | |

Section C - Certification

I certify that the information provided here contains no willful misrepresentation or falsification and that it is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signature of Parent

Date