



## Department of Education

Mike DeWine, Governor  
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**To:** Ohio Department of Education-Licensed School-Age Child Care Providers  
**From:** Wendy Grove, PhD, Director, Office of Early Learning and School Readiness  
**Date:** September 4, 2020  
**RE:** Updated Rules on Transitional Pandemic School-Age Child Care

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As Ohio schools begin the 2020-2021 academic year, many districts have implemented schedules that include remote learning or a combination of remote learning and in-person instruction. As a result, the community may have an increased need for school-age child care while children are remote learning. On Aug. 25, 2020, the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services enacted [emergency rules](#) for child care providers, including a new Temporary Pandemic School-Age Child Care license. These rules allow child care programs to seek a license to serve school-age children during their remote learning and access publicly funded child care dollars.

On Sept. 1, 2020, the State Board of Education adopted an updated emergency rule to allow Ohio Department of Education-licensed school-age child care programs to serve children while they are remote learning. The rule also allows settings that are not already licensed as school-age child care providers to seek and obtain the Temporary Pandemic School-Age Child Care license. On Sept. 3, 2020, Governor DeWine signed [Executive Order 2020-36D](#), making this updated rule effective immediately.

Ohio Department of Education-licensed ***school-age child care*** programs must operate in accordance with the emergency rule linked below in addition to the existing school-age child care licensing rules:

Existing [school-age child care rules](#);  
Emergency rule ([3301-32-06.1](#)) and link to rule [5101:2-12-02.2](#).

Public and community schools, educational service centers, joint vocational schools, county boards of developmental disabilities and chartered nonpublic schools that are not licensed may seek a Temporary Pandemic School-Age Child Care license in accordance with the emergency rule linked below:

Emergency rule ([3301-32-06.1](#)) and link to rules [5101:2-12-02.2](#) and [5101:2-12-02.3](#).

Published guidance on the steps to notify the Department to serve children on a new [Facility Schedule](#) or to seek and obtain a [Temporary Pandemic School-Age Child Care license](#) is available on the [Ohio Department of Education website](#). Visit the Ohio Department of Education's webpage for [Reset and Restart](#) resources, and reach out to the team of [licensing specialists](#) with any questions.