Shelter in Place: What Does This Mean for Childcare Programs and In-Home Childcare Services in the Bay Area?

Childcare programs and in-home care services are essential sectors of our community and maintaining key services provided by these institutions, to the extent possible, is a priority. These guidelines may be adjusted as necessary as the COVID-19 epidemic continues to evolve and to allow for continued provision of childcare for essential workers.

**Childcare Programs**

- Childcare facilities may operate if they serve parents who work in essential businesses* and comply with the following conditions to the extent possible:
  - children must be cared for in stable groups of 12 or fewer (stable: the same children are in the same group each day)
  - groups of children may not mix with each other (If more than one group is cared for at one facility, each group shall be in a separate room)
  - providers may not circulate between groups
- Common area(s) (entry/exit areas; bathrooms; outdoor play space) may be shared by multiple groups however their use of these areas should be staggered as much as possible so as to minimize contact with each other

**In-Home Childcare**

- In-home care (i.e. nannies) are allowed in the following situations:
  - If the nanny provides medical/healthcare for the child
  - If the nanny lives with you
  - If the parents are required to work away from home for essential services*
- In all other situations, a nanny is not permitted
- A nanny should remain with a specific household and should not circulate between households. A nanny should not care for children from different households unless all parents in both households are required to work in essential businesses and there are no other childcare options.

**Examples of Essential Businesses:**

- Healthcare organizations, such as hospitals, medical and mental health clinics, doctor offices, pharmacies, health care supply stores, and other health care facilities.
- Grocery stores, certified farmers' markets, farm & produce stands, supermarkets, food banks, convenience stores, & other store groceries.
- Food cultivation
- Gas stations and auto-supply, auto-repair, and related facilities.
- Banks and related financial institutions.
- Garbage and sanitation services and collection.
- Hardware stores, and plumbers, electricians, exterminators, and other service providers who provide services that are necessary to maintaining the safety and sanitation.
- Schools, for distance learning and providing meals.
- Laundromats and laundry service providers.
- Restaurants/other prepared food facilities, but only for delivery or carry out.

- Businesses that supply products needed for telework
- Businesses that supply other essential businesses with the support or supplies necessary to operate;
- Businesses that ship or deliver groceries, food, goods or services directly to residences;
- Airlines, taxis, and other private transportation providers providing transportation services necessary for Essential Activities
- Home-based care for seniors, adults, or children;
- Residential facilities and shelters for seniors, adults, and children;
- Professional services, such as legal or accounting services, when necessary to assist in compliance with legally mandated activities;
- Childcare facilities providing services that enable employees exempted in this Order to work as permitted,