



Bethel Preschool & Daycare

Dear Bethel Families:

At this time OCDEL (Office of Child Development and Early Learning), has stated that all certified childcare centers cease operations effective March 17, 2020 for a period of 14 days. The Department of Human Services recognizes the temporary closure of childcare facilities is a burden for all Pennsylvania families who depend on this service. OCDEL has implemented a waiver process for childcare facilities serving families that are considered essential services personnel or working at a job that is still operating during this time.

As of 6:30pm on March 16th, the waiver was submitted requesting that we remain open for all families whose jobs are requiring them to show up to work or continue working remotely. We are waiting to hear response back, but we were not given a timeline on when to expect the outcome. We are hoping this will be a temporary closure so that we can begin to serve our families again that need our care.

In the interim we are requesting your help with the waiver process. If you are someone who is still being required to work at this time, we are asking that you write a letter explaining that our services are needed by your family. The letter needs to state your employer's information and what your role is with the business. It is helpful to include what some of your duties are and how it is essential for you to continue working during this time. The best way for us to have the letter to share with the waiver is to email to us at director@bethelpreschoolanddaycare.com. It does not need to be on your businesses' letterhead or filled out by your employer, however if it is written by your employer that would help us verify/prove the essential nature of your job.

We will keep you as up to date as possible. Please keep an eye on our Facebook page for immediate updates. We will also be communicating through email (director@bethelpreschoolanddaycare.com) and our website <https://bethelcarlisle.com/daycare/>. Thank you for your cooperation in keeping our families safe! If you have any other questions or concerns, please email them to director@bethelpreschoolanddaycare.com.

Sincerely,

Rachel Bruce, Director