

Information for parents concerning emergency childcare for children in the region Gooi and Vechtstreek

Dear parent(s),

As you are aware of, schools and childcare organizations are closed as of the 16th of March. For families in which parents are employed in crucial occupation groups, their child(ren) is allowed to attend emergency childcare. We hereby would like to explain what this entails.

Emergency childcare target group:

-Children between 0 to 12 years of age of which one parent is employed in a crucial occupation group. The supporting principle is that parents employed in a crucial occupation group can continue to work. If one parent in a family performs a crucial occupation, it is requested that parents arrange for the care of the child(ren) themselves if possible. It is intended that everyone stays at home as much as possible, this in order to prevent further contamination. If this is demonstrably not possible, then it is possible to request care at school or childcare organization.

-Children with a Social Medical Indication who are already attending childcare, during the times that they would normally attend.

Your child may ONLY attend emergency childcare if they fall under the target group as described above.

PLEASE NOTE: If children are showing any signs of illness, even if they belong to the target group, they may not come to childcare and must stay at home.

Emergency care for children attending school during school hours:

If your child is going to school, please contact your child's school. Most schools arrange for emergency school care during school hours for their students. It may be the case that several schools are combined at one location because of the low number of students coming to emergency care. It is then possible that your child will be going to another school location. Your child's school will make and inform you of the necessary arrangements.

Emergency care for children attending school outside of school hours:

A school does not have to arrange emergency care for children outside of school hours for its students. If your child needs emergency care outside of school hours, it can be provided by out-of-school care childcare organizations. If your child is not registered at an out-of-school care, he/she will be able to attend the out-of-school care under exceptional circumstances. We are currently working on providing you with a list of organizations that provide out-of-school care for unregistered students. If this applies to you, please contact us by calling 035-6926202. Our representatives will refer you to the appropriate childcare organization.

Emergency care for children 0 to 4 years of age:

If your child between 0 to 4 years of age normally attends daycare, please contact this childcare organization. Most childcare organizations provide emergency childcare for registered children. It may be the case that childcare organizations choose to combine children from several locations into one, this because of a low number of children attending emergency daycare, meaning that your child will be attending another location than the one that they normally do. Your childcare organization can provide you with further information.

If your child is not registered with a childcare organization, it is exceptionally possible to still bring your child to a childcare organization. We are currently working on providing you with a list of childcare organizations that provide care for unregistered children. If this applies to you, please contact us by calling 035-6926202. Our representatives will refer you to the appropriate childcare organization.

Emergency childcare at a childminder's own home:

Childminders offering childcare within their own home can also provide emergency childcare. You may contact an in-home childminder and request emergency childcare. If your child is not going to an in-home childminder, it is still possible that your child may attend emergency childcare within their home. We are currently working on providing you with a list of childcare organizations that provide care for unregistered children. If this applies to you, please contact us by calling 035-6926202. Our representatives will refer you to the appropriate childcare organization

Emergency childcare costs

The following has been communicated by the Central Government:

- There are no additional charges for emergency childcare. You do not need to submit a (new) request or changes (for example if you need extra emergency childcare hours).
- If you already received childcare tax refunds, you do not need to make any changes. We ask you to continue to pay your regular bill. There are no additional charges for emergency childcare for a parent who works in a crucial occupation group.
- If you normally do not make use of childcare, and need emergency childcare because you are employed in a crucial occupation group, you do not need to request childcare tax refunds. You will not be charged for this childcare.

Contact

Should you have followed the above mentioned guidelines but still have questions that your childcare organization, childminder at home, or school can answer for you, it is then possible to contact the Regional Hotline for Childcare and School Care for Crucial Occupations by calling 035-6926202. The hotline is open every day from 9:00 a.m. to 5 p.m.. You can also reach the hotline per email by sending an email to kinderopvangcorona@regiogv.nl.

