



WELCOME!

COVID-19 Updates and Resources for Afterschool

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Housekeeping: Utilizing Zoom

- Everyone is currently in listen only mode, but we want to hear from you! Throughout the webinar, please:
 - “Raise your hand” to comment and respond to questions
 - Use the chat box
 - Respond to polls to keep GSSAN informed and help us to better support you and your program



Agenda

- Hearing From You: *What services are you providing?*
- State and Federal Updates
- Hearing From You: *How are policy changes impacting your and your organization?*
- Resource Sharing
- Hearing From You: *How can GSSAN better support you?*
- Self-Care Strategies of the Week

Who is here?

And, how are you doing?

COVID-19 Related Updates & Resources

- [Georgia Department of Public Health COVID-19 Daily Status Report](#)
- [CDC Guidance for Schools and Childcare Programs](#)
- [Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency](#)
- Georgia's COVID-19 Hotline: **(844) 442-2681**
- Georgia Crisis and Access Line: **1-800-715-4225**



State Updates & Resources



Governor Kemp's Executive Order (3/23/20):

No gathering of more than 10 people unless they can always maintain spacing of at least 6 feet between people

Governor Kemp's Executive Order (3/26/20):

Close public elementary and secondary schools for in-person instruction through April 24, 2020

COVID-19 Policy Response: Afterschool

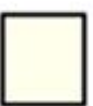
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Access complete [afterschool policy tracking chart](#).

TABLE KEY:



= in progress or completed



= need more information or forthcoming



= not being implemented

State Updates & Important Links

- [Georgia Department of Education](#)
- [Georgia Insights](#)
- [21st Century Community Learning Centers FAQs](#)
- Meals pick up sites by district can be accessed [here](#).

Georgia Department of Education (GaDOE)

Potential State Policy Changes	What It Does	Supporting Federal Policy	Policy Change Mechanism	Georgia Action To Date
<p>Allow flexibility for 21st Century Community Learning Centers Program (afterschool programming)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allow programs to conduct virtual or other at-home programming • Continue payments to staff during closure • Create flexibility in federal and state reporting requirements • Create flexibility in makeup days required • Allow expansion of regularly scheduled program hours 	<p>Allow programs to continue to serve the needs of students, retain staff, and avoid unintended penalties for both.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N/A 	<p>GaDOE guidance</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GaDOE Federal Program FAQ (3/25/20): All 21st CCLC subgrantees should adhere to guidelines established by their Local Education Agency (LEA) or parent agency (non-LEA). GaDOE provides guidance for virtual and at-home learning activities. GaDOE lays out conditions and virtual activities for which 21st CCLC staff can be paid. GaDOE is waiting on an answer pending for federal and state reporting requirements. 21st CCLC programs are encouraged to schedule make-up days but GaDOE has not established a requirement. GaDOE lays out guidance for additional programming hours.

<p>Ensure children have access to meals otherwise provided by the school</p>	<p>Protect children from food insecurity.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Families First Coronavirus Response Act (03/18/20): Gives states the option to provide meals as they would under federal programs (e.g. School Lunch Act) during school closures 	<p>GaDOE waiver; local school district application</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GaDOE applied for a waiver for meal service flexibility. (03/13/20) All 181 school district applications been approved and are feeding families. (03/19/20) A list of student meal pick-up info by local district has been compiled by GPB.
<p>Suspend standardized testing</p>	<p>Avoid unintended penalties on students or schools for COVID-19-related disruption.</p>	<p>Letter from Secretary DeVos (03/20/20): US DOE accepting waivers on assessment and accountability requirements, relaxing state testing requirements</p>	<p>DOE waiver; GaDOE administrative policy</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GaDOE Superintendent Woods stated (03/20/20) that the state would immediately apply for the federal assessment waiver. He said that all can expect that no state testing (including GA Milestones) will be administered this year.

State Updates & Important Links



- Bright from the Start: Department of Early Care & Learning
- DECAL meal sites can be found here.

Bright from the Start: Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning (DECAL)

Potential State Policy Changes	What It Does	Supporting Federal Policy	Policy Change Mechanism	Georgia Action To Date (Ext.)
<p>Assist families impacted by COVID-19 in accessing child care and afterschool programs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Connect parents with operating child care providers Provide up to date resources and information regarding child care changes 	<p>Provides parents/guardians child care continuity for families during the Public Health Emergency.</p> <p>Provides families transparent and consistent information and resources.</p>	N/A	DECAL guidance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DECAL is <u>encouraging families</u> to visit www.qualityrated.org or call 1-477-ALL-GA-KIDS (Call Center). (03/20/20) DECAL is assisting families in child care searches through the Call Center. (03/20/20) Governor Kemp, DECAL, and YMCA Metro Atlanta created a partnership to <u>dedicate child care sites for medical workers</u>. (03/18/20) YMCA Metro Atlanta has shared their critical child care model with other YMCAs; each site has deciding authority. DECAL <u>FAQ</u> asks providers to report closures immediately. DECAL is contacting providers that have not reflected their operation hour information on KOALA. DECAL is <u>updating</u>, daily, child care sites closing and operating. Current updates can be found on DECAL social media and <u>website</u>.

<p>Provide enhanced child care referrals</p>	<p>An enhanced referral occurs when CCR&R coordinates with child care programs to confirm vacancies before the referral is offered to the parent.</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>DECAL guidance</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DECAL is assisting all families in child care searches through the Call Center. (03/20/20)
<p>Ensure adequate funding to support child care and afterschool program sustainability</p>	<p>Provide support to program operations and staff.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aid providers in staying open amidst low enrollment. 	<p>Office of the Administration for Children and Families, CCDF (03/13/20): "lead agencies may use CCDF quality dollars to provide temporary grants or assistance to impacted providers to retain the child care supply during periods of closures"</p>	<p>DECAL assist in creation of a Statewide Disaster Plan for child care</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Georgia received a statewide disaster declaration from U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA). Small business owners can apply for a SBA Economic Injury Loan. (DECAL FAQ) DECAL will make Georgia Pre-K payments for April and May based on April roster. (DECAL FAQ) DECAL will make CAPS payments through service week 04/10/20, if the child has attended at least once since 03/01/20. (DECAL FAQ) DECAL will continue to re-evaluate CAPS payment policy on a 2-week time frame.
<p>Enhance KOALA for provider closure updates</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Allow child care providers to update operating hours themselves. 	<p>N/A</p>	<p>DECAL guidance</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> KOALA enhancement complete. (DECAL FAQ) DECAL is contacting providers that have not reflected their operation hour information.

Continue CAPS payments, regardless of closures	This payment will continue to help centers that depend on these funds for operations.	N/A	DECAL guidance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DECAL will make CAPS payments through service week 04/10/20, if the child has attended at least once since 03/01/20. (DECAL FAQ) DECAL will continue to re-evaluate CAPS payment policy on a 2-week time span.
Allow Exempt Summer Programs to provide services for school age children	Allows day camp programs with an approved exemption to operate a day camp for school age children.		DECAL guidance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DECAL FAQ allows exempt day camp programs to operate as during any other school break – but will not allow any added flexibilities to the exemption process.



Suspend quality rated observations	Postpones all currently scheduled QRIS observations.	N/A	DECAL guidance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DECAL has suspended quality rated observations until 04/13/20. (DECAL FAQ)
<p>Address regulations for child care providers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Family/guardian access to facility Access front door of facility and classrooms Immunization requirements Field trips CPR and First Aid Certification 	<p>Providers to restrict family/guardian access to facility.</p> <p>Providers to limit access to front door of facility and classrooms.</p> <p>Suspend immunization requirements as a result of limited health care sector capacity.</p> <p>Suspend field trips.</p> <p>Child Care Centers must have 1 staff member and 1 administrator with a CPR and First Aid Certification on premises.</p>	N/A	EO	<p>Governor Kemp released an Executive Order (03/24/20) addressing revised regulations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Family/guardian access to facility, Access front door of facility and classrooms, Immunization requirements, Field trips, and CPR and First Aid Certification. <p>DECAL provides guidance on health and safety protocol for child care providers. (03/25/20)</p>

<p>Apply for requirement waivers for Child and Adult Food Program (CACFP)</p>	<p>Address food access by providing nutritious meals.</p>	<p>United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) (03/20/20) issued nationwide waivers:</p> <p>Non-Congregate Meals</p> <p>Meal time</p> <p>Activity Requirement</p> <p>Nationwide Meal Pick Up Waiver</p>	<p>DECAL submit waiver request to USDA, FNS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DECAL intends to utilize the following waiver for CACFP programs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nationwide Meal Pattern Waiver: programs are not required to meet all meal pattern requirements. (03/25/20) DECAL has been approved for the following CACFP waivers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nationwide Meal Pick Up Waiver: program can distribute meals to parents/guardians. (03/25/20) Nationwide Non-Congregate Feeding Waiver: CACFP participants to consume Program meals in a non-congregate setting during Federal Public Health Emergency. (03/20/20) Nationwide Meal Service Times Waiver: allows CACFP sponsors to align meal times w/ available community programs and services. (03/20/20) Nationwide No Activity Requirement for Afterschool CACFP: No enrichment or educational activity needed during At-Risk-After- School programs. (03/20/20)
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<p>Apply for requirement waivers for and Summer Food Service Program (SFSP)</p>	<p>Address food access by providing nutritious meals.</p>	<p>USDA, FNS issued nationwide waivers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Non-Congregate Meals Meal time Activity Requirement Nationwide Meal Pick Up Waiver <p>USDA, FNS issued SFSP and SSO meal delivery guidance</p>	<p>DECAL submit waiver request to USDA, FNS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DECAL submitted the following SFSP waiver: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Allow SFSP sponsors of open, restricted open, and enrolled sites (all in good standing, and within DECAL discretion) to serve up to 2 meals and 1 snack per day. (03/18/20) • DECAL intends to utilize the following waiver for SFSP programs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nationwide Meal Pattern Waiver: programs are not required to meet all meal pattern requirements. (03/25/20) • DECAL has been approved for SFSP continued use waiver requests: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nationwide Meal Pick Up Waiver: program can distribute meals to parents/guardians. (03/25/20) Public Health Emergency Waiver: Allows sponsors to serve meals in a non-congregate setting.
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				<p>Meal Service Times: allows SFSP sponsors to align meal times w/ available community programs and services. (03/20/20)</p> <p>First Week Site Visits: waives regulations for sponsors to visit each site once during first week if sponsor participates in CACFP, NSLP, or sites operating in previous year.</p> <p>DECAL is waiting on an approval for SFSP continued use waiver.</p> <p>Area Eligibility in Closed Enrolled Sites: waives requirement for closed enrolled sites to collect Income Eligibility applications.</p>
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Additional State Updates

Voices for Georgia's Children has developed COVID-19 Response & Policy Recommendations for:

- Child Care
- Child Welfare
- Education
- Food Access
- Juvenile Justice
- Medicaid
- Private Insurance
- School-Based Health
- Telehealth
- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)

Federal Updates

- CARES Act (March 27, 2020)
 - Direct payments
 - Unemployment insurance expansion
 - Payroll taxes delayed
 - Small business relief
 - Coronavirus testing covered

For more information on impacts to afterschool programs, check out the [Afterschool Alliance's blog](#).

Economic Assistance Opportunities

- Small Business Administration (SBA) department
 - [SBA 7\(a\) Paycheck Protection Program](#)
 - ✦ Nonprofits and small businesses with fewer than 500 employees eligible for loans to meet payroll and other qualifying costs
 - ✦ Much of the loan is forgivable if you keep staff on payroll during the loan period (currently March 1 through June 30)
 - [SBA Economic Injury Disaster Loans](#)
 - ✦ EIDL loans offering up to \$2M in assistance are already available on a first-come, first-served basis to nonprofits to help overcome temporary loss in revenue caused by COVID-19.
 - ✦ These loans are similar to other disaster relief loans and do not include loan forgiveness.
- The U.S. Chamber of Commerce put together [a brochure](#) and Schusterman Foundation has compiled all stimulus information into [a Google doc](#) that they are updating in real-time.

Funding Opportunity: Greater Atlanta

The Community Foundation for Greater Atlanta and the United Way of Greater Atlanta have launched the Greater Atlanta COVID-19 Response and Recovery Fund.

The fund will support those most vulnerable to the economic and health-related impacts caused by the pandemic.

**What challenges
are you facing?**

What successes have you had?

Virtual Professional Development

- Mental Health America of Georgia Webinars
 - Mental Health 101 (April 7, 12pm)
 - Building Resilience in Youth (April 9, 12pm)
- National Afterschool Association Executive Webinars
 - SEL for Kids Starts with the Adults
- Youth for Youth
 - Online professional learning and technical assistance for 21st Century Community Learning Centers

Upcoming Online Professional Development

- National Afterschool Association Virtual Convention (April 19th - May 2nd)
- National Service-Learning Conference, The Virtual Experience (April 16th-17th)
- Camp 4U (Mondays & Thursdays in May)

Online Learning Resources



There are lots of resources out there and we will soon be launching a page to help point you in the right direction! For now, check out:

- [The Atlanta Speech School's Online Preschool](#)
- [Willbooks](#) is offering free Pre-K - 3rd grade books online
- [Creativity Catapult](#) provides activities you can sort by age (2- 14+), skills, difficulty, duration, topics, and costs (many are free)
- [Zoom PBS Learning Media](#) provides activities for K- 13+ on chemistry, engineering, physical science, math, art, nature & human biology

We all know afterschool is not just academics. Check out [resources and strategies for the Boys & Girls Clubs of Metro Atlanta](#) on how to keep youth exploring, moving, and connected while school is closed!

**How can we
best support you?**



Self-Care



Reminders from Mental Health America of Georgia:

Manage	Manage stress
Practice	Practice relaxation techniques
Eat	Eat a healthy and nutritious diet
Exercise	Exercise regularly
Sleep	Get enough sleep
Smart	Be smart about caffeine, alcohol, and nicotine

Self-Care Strategy of the Week: Grounding

- Grounding is a technique that helps keep someone focused in the present
- Grounding skills can be helpful in managing overwhelming feelings or intense anxiety
 - Name 5 things you can see in the room with you
 - Name 4 things you can feel
 - Name 3 things you can hear right now
 - Name 2 things you can smell right now
 - Name 1 good thing about yourself

Questions?



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