Providers' confidence in practices related to COVID-19

Results from a 2020 study of the Peacetime Emergency Child Care Grant Program

The COVID-19 pandemic has dramatically changed child care services in Minnesota and across the nation. To understand providers' experiences with the pandemic, an online survey was shared with child care providers between July 31, 2020 and September 9, 2020. A total of 1,898 center-based and family child care providers completed the survey. The survey asked child care providers* about their experiences related to a number of COVID-19 challenges. This fact sheet presents initial findings on provider's confidence in practices related to COVID-19.

* The providers invited to participate were applicants (N=5297) to the Peacetime Emergency Child Care Grant Program, and thus, were a subsample of licensed and certified center-based programs and family child care providers throughout Minnesota. These findings are from all providers that applied and responded to the survey, regardless of whether or not they received the grant.

25 percent

of family child care providers and 26 percent of centerbased providers felt "moderately confident" about implementing social distancing strategies.

percent

of family child care providers felt "not at all confident" about managing mask use of staff and older children.

Note that state guidance for mask use in family child care changed in August 2020.

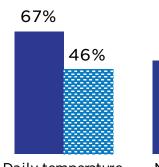


The majority of family child care providers washed hands more frequently, and over half increased outside time.

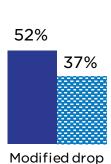


Of center-based providers, 67 percent had daily temperature checks for children, and over half modified drop off/pick up procedures.

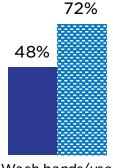
What changes have providers made to comply with new COVID-19 safety guidelines?



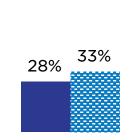
Daily temperature checks for children



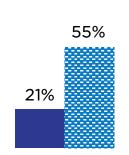
off/pick up procedures



Wash hands/use sanitizer more frequently



equipment/materials



Limiting classroom Increasing outside time





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