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TO: Child Care & Early Learning Providers
FROM: YMCA Childcare Resource Service
RE: COVID-19 Updates 3/19/2020
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San Diego County's Amended Health Officer Order Limits Child Care to 10 Children Per Group

Effective as of March 19, the County of San Diego has amended the existing Public Health Order to now include language specific to child care. [The Order](#) now states:

"To the extent possible, daycare and childcare facilities shall operate under the following conditions: a) childcare must be carried out in stable groups of 10 or fewer ("stable means that the same 10 or fewer children are in the same group each day); b) children shall not change from one group to another; c) if more than one group of children is cared for at one facility, each group shall be in a separate room; d) groups shall not mix with each other. Childcare providers shall remain solely with one group of children."

As you may be adjusting your staffing to the current need and requirements of the Order, please also keep in mind the language of [Public Information Notice 20-04-CCP](#) from Child Care Licensing stating:

"A family child care home, day care center, school-age child care center or infant care center may waive adult-to-child, teacher-child, or staff-infant ratios as necessary for prevention, containment, and mitigation measures, as long as the health and safety of children is not compromised. The ratio of child to staff in a family child care home shall be no greater than 10:1. This waiver shall not apply to staffing for water activities. This waiver applies to a facility's obligations regarding staff ratios under Title 22, Cal. Code of Regulations, Division 12, sections 101216.3, 101216.4, 101416.5, 101516.5, 101616.5 and 102416.5. Staffing shall remain sufficient to meet the health and safety needs of children in care."