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## **YMCA Childcare Resource Service**

**TO:** Early Learning and Child Care Providers  
**FROM:** YMCA Childcare Resource Service  
**RE:** Child Care Community Update – COVID-19  
**DATE:** March 20, 2020

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### **Majority of California Residents Ordered to Stay Home, Child Care Allowed to Continue**

Last night, most California residents were ordered to stay home, except for 16 federally identified critical needs. At 11:22pm on 3/19, the State updated its [COVID19.ca.gov](https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19.aspx) website to confirm that child care is allowed to continue. This means that child care facilities like yours can stay open within public health guidelines and continue to provide critical support to families in this time.

The latest order reads:

“The California State Public Health Officer and Director of the California Department of Public Health is ordering all individuals living in the State of California to stay home or at their place of residence, except as needed to maintain continuity of operation of the federal critical infrastructure sectors, critical government services, schools, childcare, and construction, including housing construction.”

We will provide more information on what this might mean for child care operations as it becomes available. If you decide to remain open, please note the Safety & Health Guidance – COVID-19 Infection Prevention in Child Care Programs.