

CCAIR

Frequently Asked Questions



MISSISSIPPI CHILDCARE CRISIS
ASSISTANCE IN ISOLATION RESPONSE PLAN

What is a CCAIR site?

CCAIR sites are temporary, emergency childcare facilities for essential personnel that include but are not limited to first responders, emergency personnel, emergency support personnel, essential government personnel, and health care professionals.

Who can open a CCAIR site?

CCAIR sites can be opened by anyone in the community that is experiencing a shortage of child care for essential personnel and has the capacity to operate according to CCAIR guidelines.

What is the difference between CCAIR and traditional childcare?

Traditional childcare centers provide the backbone for workforce support. These centers are established to provide both care and education for our children. Traditional childcare centers can become CCAIR trained sites to put extra safeguards in place against the spread of COVID-19 while serving essential workforce personnel. It is recommended to use your local established child care centers as the primary source for child care. CCAIR sites offer a temporary option for emergency child care in a non-traditional setting.

What is a "CCAIR trained" childcare center?

Childcare programs offer the best care and education for children. During the COVID-19 crisis, childcare programs can take the on-line CCAIR training course which offers additional guidance to help safeguard against the spread of COVID-19 while caring for children or first responders.

What is required to open a CCAIR site?

CCAIR sites must follow guidelines as outlined in the CCAIR Manual found at www.mdhs.ms.gov/ccair.

What age children will be served at a CCAIR site?

CCAIR sites may serve children of any age, provided the site meets the age-specific guidelines as outlined in the CCAIR Manual.

Will a CCAIR site serve children with special needs?

CCAIR sites will need to work with families to determine if their site can meet the individual needs of all children. The CCAIR Manual gives guidance on providing for children with special needs and site requirements based on the Americans with Disabilities Act.

How long can a CCAIR site be open?

CCAIR sites may operate as long as the state of Mississippi remains under a state of emergency due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Sites will be notified when it's time for operations to cease.

How are CCAIR sites funded?

CCAIR sites are funded independently. CCAIR sites may use donations, in-kind contributions, or fees to fund the site.

Who monitors CCAIR sites?

CCAIR sites are registered and monitored by the Mississippi State Department of Health.

How do I find out more about CCAIR guidelines?

To find out more about CCAIR requirements and to access the free, on-line CCAIR training visit www.mdhs.ms.gov/ccair.

Who do I contact if I want to open a CCAIR site?

To find out more about opening a CCAIR site, contact MDHS at ccair@mdhs.ms.gov or call 601-359-4516.