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Dear GWL Families,

This is a follow up to yesterday’s email regarding childcare. We received additional guidance last night around 9 pm that expanded the definition of “essential” employees (see list below). In addition, we now have an additional resource for registered child care in GWL as well as contact information for the Orange County Division of Children and Family Services. I cannot thank these two childcare facilities enough for opening their doors to serve essential employees during this critical period. Districts have been asked to communicate this information to families, as we have the most direct access to get the word out.

Most Sincerely,  
 Sarah Hadden

| Registered Childcare Agency                                                                                                                                                     | Contact Information                                                                                                 |
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| <b>Lyn Tobin, Family Childcare</b><br>(children aged 6 weeks to 5 years old)<br><i>*temporary spots available for now through the end of the state mandated closure periods</i> | 845-477-0321                                                                                                        |
| <b>Little Packers</b><br>(children aged 6 weeks to 4 years old)                                                                                                                 | backpackclubinc@yahoo.com                                                                                           |
| <b>Backpack Club</b><br>(children aged 5-12)                                                                                                                                    | backpackclubinc@yahoo.com                                                                                           |
| <b>Orange County Division of Children &amp; Family Services</b><br><i>If you're looking for care closer to work or in another area of OC</i>                                    | <a href="mailto:ocsoc@orangecountygov.com">ocsoc@orangecountygov.com</a><br>email contact preferred<br>845-360-6710 |

The following list contains examples of professions or occupations eligible for preferred access to childcare:

- Essential health care workers may include licensed health professionals such as physicians, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, registered nurses, LPNs and nurse assistants or laboratory personnel.
- Direct support professionals may include clinicians and support staff serving the behavioral health, intellectual/developmental disabilities and child welfare communities in residential and community- based care settings.
- First responders may include paramedics, emergency medical technicians, police officers, and firefighters, correctional officers or related support personnel necessary to execute these duties.
- Food manufacturing, production, distribution and supply including supermarket workers and food preparation.
- Transportation including commercial truck driver of necessary supplies and equipment, transit workers, air and rail and carriers of critical and essential materials.
- Construction and Manufacturing including specialized equipment related to health or safety of the public.
- Nonprofit and social service agencies providing support to families and employees in related fields.