

Minerva Central School

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Childcare for Essential Health Care Workers and First Responders

Dear MCS Families,

Governor Cuomo recently informed school districts to establish and submit plans for the care of children of essential Health Care Workers and First Responders. 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. First responders may include paramedics, emergency medical technicians, police officers, and firefighters.

We are working together with our area licensed childcare providers, the WSWHE BOCES and our neighboring schools to determine regional capacity and identify local/regional needs.

We will work with families in need to find available placements in our region and existing licensed daycare providers where there are openings. Depending on need, our BOCES may establish an approved childcare center. We are not yet sure where this program may be located.

If you are currently a Health Care Worker or First Responder as described above, and are in need of assistance with childcare, please call Lynn Green to report your answers to the questions listed below. For our planning needs, please call no later than Monday, March 23rd. We thank you in advance for your help gathering this information.

1. Which one of the following **Licensed Health Professionals** are you currently employed as and where are you employed:
 - a. Physician
 - b. Nurse Practitioner
 - c. Physician Assistant
 - d. Registered Nurse
 - e. Licensed Practical Nurse
 - f. Certified Nurse Assistant
 - g. Laboratory Personnel

Health Care Position: _____ Employer: _____

2. Please indicate whether you are currently employed or volunteer as one of the following **First Responders** and where you are employed/volunteer:
- a. Paramedic
 - b. Emergency Medical Technician
 - c. Police officer
 - d. Firefighter

First Responder Position: _____

Employer/ Agency: _____

3. If childcare was provided for you during regular school hours (8 AM-3 PM), how many children do you have in the following age ranges that you would need this service?

- a. Birth- 4 years _____
- b. 5 years-10 years _____
- c. 11 years- 18 years _____

4. Please indicate the age of any of your children needing this service who currently have:

- a. An Individualized Education Plan (IEP) _____
- b. A 504 accommodation plan _____

5. How often would you need this service?

- a. Daily _____
- b. Every other day _____
- c. Other (please list) _____

Once we have collected this information, we will then determine as quickly as possible how to best provide this service and will communicate with you accordingly.

Sincerely,



Timothy F. Farrell