

COVID-19 Essential Employee Child Care Payment Assistance

The COVID-19 Essential Employee Child Care Payment Assistance category is intended to provide Child Care financial support to families identified as working in an essential services category during the State of Emergency time period for the COVID-19 pandemic. This category of care is to support families so they may continue working as an essential employee and provide “protective services” to children under these emergency circumstances. Executive Order NO.22 signed by Governor Bill Lee defines essential activities and employees who are exempt from the Stay Home order due to their engaging in these essential activities.

Essential Employees include:

MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS

- Medical Personnel of hospitals, clinics, medical practices and services, laboratories, mental health and substance abuse services, dental offices, pharmacies, public health entities, biotechnical company employees, medical research personnel, medical device and equipment personnel, vendors, medical transportation personnel including entities that transport and dispose of medical materials, medical manufacturing personnel, administrative personnel necessary to operations
- Workers who coordinate with other organizations to ensure the proper recovery, handling, identification, transportation, tracking, storage, and disposal of human remains and personal effects; certify cause of death; and facilitate access to mental and behavioral health services to the family members, responders, and survivors of an incident

GOVERNMENT PERSONNEL

- Law Enforcement personnel
- Emergency Dispatchers including those who support 911
- Legislators and Legislative Branch officials and employees
- Judges, judicial branch employees, court personnel, jurors and grand jurors, attorneys, and attorney support staff
- Paramedics
- Firefighters
- Corrections Officers and corrections and community supervision personnel
- Hazardous Materials personnel

- Housing and Shelter personnel
- Election officials and operations
- Child Protection and Child Welfare personnel
- Park Personnel that provide admission, maintenance and operation of park facilities
- Military
- Federal, state and local government personnel
- Social Workers
- All personnel and essential functions to ensure the continuing operation of government agencies or to provide for or support the health, safety and welfare of the public

HUMAN SERVICES PERSONNEL

- Government or government funded services through state-operated institutional, or community based settings, long-term care facilities, child care centers and homes, residential settings and shelters for adults, seniors, children and people with developmental disabilities, intellectual disabilities, substance use disorders, or mental illness, transitional facilities and home based facilities to serve individuals described above
- Field offices to provide and help to determine eligibility for basic needs: SNAP, TANF, Medicaid, Child Care, Vocational Rehabilitation, Rehabilitation Services, developmental centers, adoption agencies, food banks, and shelters
- Educators supporting public and private K-12 schools, colleges, and universities including for purposes of facilitating distance learning, schools providing food services on a carry-out basis, or performing other essential functions

INFRASTRUCTURE PERSONNEL

- Personnel who produce, distribute and sell food, including grocery stores, certified farmers markets, farm and produce stands, supermarkets, convenience stores, alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverage stores
- Transportation personnel
- Construction-related services including construction related to this public health emergency such as construction of long-term care facilities, public works construction, school construction, construction related to Essential Activity or Essential Services, housing construction
- Personnel who work at gas stations, travel centers and truck stops
- Building management and maintenance, landscape management
- Airport operations

- Operation and maintenance of all utilities; water, sewer, gas, electrical services, including power generation, distribution and production of raw materials, distributions centers; oil and biofuel refining
- Services related to roads, highways, railroads, ports, public transportation
- Cybersecurity operations; internet, video, telecommunications systems and computing infrastructure systems
- Personnel providing automotive repair, maintenance, and transportation equipment manufacturing and distribution facilities including those who repair and maintain electric vehicle charging stations
- Workers who repair and maintain vehicles, aircraft, rail equipment, marine vessels, bicycles, and the equipment and infrastructure that enables operations that encompass movement of cargo and passengers

MISCELLANEOUS PERSONNEL

- Wedding and Funeral personnel
- Media personnel
- Attorneys and attorney support staff
- Financial Institutions and Insurance personnel including workers supporting production and distribution of debit and credit cards.
- Hardware and Supply personnel including employees of hardware stores
- Charitable Organizations personnel
- Mail, postal, shipping, logistics, delivery and pick-up personnel
- Businesses that provide food, shelter, and other necessities of life for animals, including animal shelters, rescues, shelters, kennels, adoption facilities, zoos, and aquariums
- Laundry services personnel; including laundromats, dry cleaners, industrial cleaning and services
- Restaurant personnel for the purposes of food preparation and service for off-premises consumption
- Business Supply personnel that sell, manufacture or supply products for supplies necessary to support work from home or business operations
- Hotel and Motel personnel
- Workers supporting the operation of firearm, or ammunition product manufacturers, retailers, importers, distributors, and shooting ranges
- Workers supporting Census 2020
- Weather forecasters
- Clergy for essential support
- Residential and commercial real estate services, including settlement services

MANUFACTURING PERSONNEL

- Manufacturing and Distribution personnel producing and supplying essential products and services in and for industries such as pharmaceutical, technology, biotechnology, health care, chemicals, sanitation, waste pickup and disposal, agriculture and agricultural products, household consumer products, transportation, energy, steel and steel products, petroleum and fuel, mining, construction, defense and national defense and communications
- Food and beverage manufacturing workers, production workers, processing workers
- Farmers, ranch workers, livestock workers, fishers, and other agricultural production workers, including cultivation, marketing, production, and distribution of animals and goods for consumption, pet food, feed, and ingredient production, packaging, and distribution; manufacturing, packaging, and distribution of veterinary drugs; and truck delivery and transport.