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Dear County Leaders:

Thank you for your June 10, 2020 letter to Governor Larry Hogan. Governor Hogan has asked me to respond to your child care concerns.

MSDE's June 10, 2020 press release addresses some of the issues you raise. You may access it here: <https://news.maryland.gov/msde/maryland-education-moves-forward-as-part-of-states-overall-stage-2-recovery/>. After consultation with leading public health experts, school systems are now able to bring small groups of students and staff into school buildings. These small groups would consist of 10-15 individuals maximum at a time in rooms within a school building.

All parents are now eligible to access child care services. All child care providers may reopen, as long as they follow all health department protocols listed on the MSDE website and adhere to class size restrictions. Class size in child care centers is now expanded to a maximum of 15 individuals per classroom. Each day, an average of 40 additional licensed child care programs reopen. As of June 10, 2020, 58% of providers are operating. Essential Personnel School Age (EPSA) sites are also continuing to operate.

Please continue to review our FAQs and resources on our website at <https://earlychildhood.marylandpublicschools.org/>.

Thank you for your continued partnership in ensuring working parents have access to high-quality early childhood opportunities.

Sincerely,

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