



Maryland Association for the Education of Young Children

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# From the Front Lines

## The Ongoing Effect of the Pandemic On Child Care in Maryland

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An initial survey from the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC), conducted March 12–16, found that nearly half of child care programs anticipated that they would not survive a closure of more than two weeks without support.

In April, following the passage of the CARES Act, significant state action, and a growing understanding of the scope and scale of the crisis, NAEYC released new survey data that begins to explore the ongoing impact of the pandemic and the solutions that have been put forth so far. From April 2–10, more than 5,000 providers responded to the survey, from all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico.

In Maryland, of the 118 providers who responded:

- 41% are completely closed, and an additional 48% are closed to everyone except children of essential personnel.
- Of those providers who are still open, 59% are operating at less than 25% capacity.
- 32% reported needing to either lay off or furlough employees, or reported being laid off or furloughed themselves. Another 76% anticipated such actions occurring in the next 1-4 weeks.
- 19% of respondents said that staff are not being financially supported at all during this time, and 25% reported being instructed to take advantage of unemployment insurance.
- 1 in 2 providers listed the ability to pay staff or themselves as solo providers as their greatest worry during the pandemic and 1 in 5 listed the ability to make rent or mortgage payments as their #1 concern
- 41% of respondents said they have applied for an SBA Loan. 86% were either worried about being able to pay back a loan or did not want to take out new loans.

Note that 53% of the Maryland respondents are from centers and 38% are from family child care homes.

For the national results, see [NAEYC's On the Front Lines brief](#).