



CONQUERING COVID-19

Keeping Missourians Safe



SUPPORTING CHILD CARE AND MISSOURI FAMILIES

As a parent and grandparent, Governor Parson understands the importance of child care and other critical services for Missouri families, especially in times of crisis. His administration and the Department of Social Services have worked to expand child care and food assistance to those in need during COVID-19.

- Allocated **\$27 million** to provide temporary child care assistance, increase amount of child care assistance, and relax qualification criteria
- Allocated **\$19.8 million** to support child care providers during low attendance
- Allocated **\$4.2 million** for child care providers serving families during non-traditional hours
- Allocated **\$3.5 million** for child care providers that stayed open to serve essential personnel
- Released a **\$10 million** grant opportunity for higher education institutions to expand child care options
- Distributed **61,783 meals** to Missourians in need
- Allocated approximately **\$10 million** in emergency relief grants to eligible child care providers for reimbursement of COVID-19 associated costs
- Provided **\$800,000** to school districts establishing temporary child care sites to support essential personnel
- Administered **\$279 million** in additional SNAP benefits to Missouri households
- Administered **\$83.4 million** in SNAP benefits to families eligible for free and reduced priced lunches
- Removed barriers to allow SNAP benefits for online grocery purchases
- Allocated **\$6.5 million** for food banks

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