

Council Members,

I am writing to urge you not to limit childcare capacity to 50%. While I support measures to limit the spread of COVID-19 in our community, this would decrease the number of children that many childcare centers currently care for (with a maximum of 10-15 per room). While county infections of COVID-19 are rising, it does not appear that childcare centers, which have been using multiple layers of precautions, are a source of infection at all, or a significant source. Similarly, childcare across the country, where precautions are being followed, has opened reasonably safely. I understand that the Governor has moved to allow childcare centers to operate at full capacity in the state. Our county may not be ready for this measure, but I urge you not to further diminish the childcare center capacity leaving working parents to scramble to find care for young children and disrupt the routine of those children during what has been a very uncertain time for us all. Alternatively, I encourage you to publish the data and reasoning behind this proposal so that the public and scientific community may weigh in.

Thank you,

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