

**Subject: Bright Horizons and Vivvi Childcare Centers to be available for eligible, essential personnel at CUIMC**

NYP has received an exemption from the city to allow them to keep open their child care centers that serve the medical center communities. They have graciously extended the availability of the following centers on a backup care basis to our eligible CUIMC essential personnel: the **Bright Horizons Centers at NewYork-Presbyterian/Weill Cornell Medical Center and NewYork-Presbyterian/Columbia University Irving Medical Center, as well as Vivvi Learning Center, in Lower Manhattan.**

This means that eligible CUIMC employees will be able to reserve backup care at those centers without the standard co-pay, thanks to NYP. However, backup care hours will be deducted from your bank of 150 hours (or 200 hours if you have an infant). To check eligibility, go to <https://worklife.columbia.edu/backupcare>.

**Back-up Childcare:**

Your Bright Horizons Back-Up Care benefit helps cover in-home child care, or center-based emergency back-up care. Visit [backup.brighthouse.com](http://backup.brighthouse.com) to access backup care (*first-time* visitors, enter Employer Username: **columbia**, and Password: **Benefits4You (case sensitive)**). For Center-based emergency back-up care at the designated NYP centers find more information and sign-up instructions [HERE](#). Also, through May 15, if you secure child care from within your personal network (a neighbor, friend, or babysitter), you can receive a reimbursement of \$100 per day. View the Bright Horizons [Crisis](#) Care Guide for details.

[Learn more about the Vivvi Learning Center](#), including how to register [here](#).

Several websites can help you find at-home sitters, including Sittercity.com (membership available for no cost for Columbia employees, see <https://worklife.columbia.edu/bright-horizons>), Care.com, Urbansitter.com, Sitter.app, BambinoSitters.com, Babysittersguild.com, and Seekingsitters.com. Another option is to use a buddy program with a close colleague, friend, or family member.

**NYC Department of Education childcare centers:**

Care is available for children from 6 weeks old and up, and is offered in public-school buildings, community-based organizations, and by home-based providers. Centers are open M-F, 7:30 or 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

- **Complete this form to learn what care may be available for your child(ren):**  
<https://www.surveygizmo.com/s3/5518161/REC-Enrollment-Form>

**Other Childcare Centers that Remain Open: (Note: In addition to this list, other options may be available; you may want to search online for Emergency Childcare for Essential Workers to find resources near you.)**

**NYC:**

- Guidepost Montessori: Four locations: [Upper West Side](#), [Museum Mile](#), [Williamsburg](#), and [Brooklyn Heights](#)

**Westchester County:**

- [Westchester School Districts Childcare](#)
- [White Plains YMCA](#): 914-949-8030
- [Lakeland Children's Center](#): At schools in Yorktown Heights, Mohegan Lake, and Crompond
- Ann & Andy Childcare Center in Elmsford: [annandandychildcare@yahoo.com](mailto:annandandychildcare@yahoo.com) or 914-592-3027

**Montclair, NJ:**

- Geyer Family YMCA: [jbiendon@montclairymca.org](mailto:jbiendon@montclairymca.org)

**Help Finding Care:**

The Day Care Council of New York can help with finding childcare. Email Sophia Lopez at [slopez@dccnyinc.org](mailto:slopez@dccnyinc.org), with your name, phone number, age of child(ren), and zip code where you need child care. A parent specialist will call the child care provider to determine if they have a vacancy and then make the referral to the parent.

We will continue to make available all resources that we can to support your child care needs.

Thank you for your continued dedication and care for our patients and one another during this time.

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