

Guidance on Governor Scott's Stay Home, Stay Safe Order

On the evening of March 24, 2020, Governor Scott issued Addendum 6 to his Executive Order which puts in place a "[Stay Home, Stay Safe](#)" order and directs all non-essential businesses and non-profits to cease in-person operations. This order will be effective March 25, 2020 at 5 p.m. and will last until April 15, 2020. This order will have an impact on the operation of school-related services including student meals, child care, and continuity of learning activities.

Student Meals

Schools should continue with feeding students. The continued provision of these services is required under section 6(q) of Addendum 6 which speaks to the maintenance of services for economically disadvantaged populations.

Child Care for Essential Persons

Child care for essential persons is an essential service under Addendum 6. The stay at home order, however, will significantly disrupt the ability to operate these services. School districts may continue to operate these programs on a voluntary basis based on community need. School districts should work closely with private child care providers in their regions to provide these essential services. We are working on additional guidance with DCF that would support direct access to child care services for school-aged children through private child care providers.

Continuity of Learning

School districts should begin planning for an extended period of school closure. The decision to extend school closure will be made soon. Preparations for continuity of learning is an essential service under Addendum 6. School staff may work at school facilities to support this work and the work of maintaining the operational readiness of school facilities while following the recommended social distancing protocols, however, districts are strongly encouraged to enable school employees to telework or work from home to the greatest extent possible. It is my expectation that you will maintain student educational progress consistent with Addendum 6 through the week of April 13 while you complete and begin to execute your continuity of learning plans.