State of Wisconsin
Department of Health Services
Tony Evers, Governor
Andrea Palm, Secretary

EMERGENCY ORDER #6
RESTRICTING THE SIZE OF CHILD CARE SETTINGS

Under the authority of Wis. Stat. § 252.02(3) and at the direction of Governor Tony Evers, I, Andrea Palm, Secretary-designee of the Wisconsin Department of Health Services, order the following:

1. Child care settings may not operate with more than 10 staff present at a time and may not operate with more than 50 children present at a time.

2. Definitions:

    a. "Child care setting" means all licensed and certified child care providers caring for any age or ages of children up to 18 years of age.

    b. "Staff" means any paid or unpaid adult rendering services or providing support to the function of a child care setting.

3. To the extent possible, parents and guardians must practice social distancing of at least 6 feet from other adults and follow all other Department of Health Services public health guidance while picking up and dropping off children at the child care setting.

4. Child care settings operating under this order must follow the Department of Children and Families Guidance Order #2, or any order superseding that order.

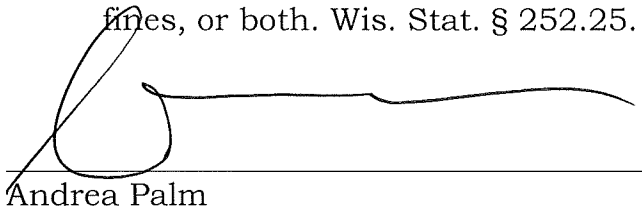
5. Child care settings are encouraged to prioritize access to their services for essential workers including first responders and health care providers to help minimize disruption to vital services.

6. Voluntary closure beyond the requirements of this order is permitted.

7. This order is effective at 8:00 a.m. on Thursday, March 19, 2020, and will remain in effect for the duration of the public health emergency declared by Governor Evers' Executive Order #72, or until a superseding order is issued.

8. Child care settings must comply with all other state statutes and administrative rules, as modified by Governor Tony Evers' Emergency Order for Department of Children and Families Administrative Rule Suspension and Emergency Orders issued March 15, 2020.

9. Violation or obstruction of this order is punishable by imprisonment, fines, or both. Wis. Stat. § 252.25.



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Andrea Palm
Secretary-designee
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Date