

The facilities have the staff and the kitchens to be able to facilitate implementation of this provincial directive. This directive for the reactivation of funded ECD kitchens is in line with the funding guideline.

- 40% of the departmental funding is meant for food
- 40 % for salaries
- 20% for materials and equipment.

The lockdown regulations contained in the Government Gazette, Vol. 657, dated 25 March 2020, states that services to children are considered to be essential services. ¹(page 10).

ECD principals and management boards should complete and sign the form, Annexure C attached for their staff who are going to assist with food and food distribution so that they can come to work during the lockdown.

We have every faith that you will partner with us in ensuring that our children are provided with the necessary nutritional requirement and we must thank you for your commitment to our sector.

Please visit www.westerncape.gov.za/coronavirus for up to date information, or contact the national (0800 029 999) or Western Cape (021 928 4102) 24-hour hotlines for information. The national Department of Health also has a WhatsApp number with information – 060 012 3456.



Head of Department

Date: 26/03/2020

¹ **Categories of essential services shall be confined to the following services:**

10. Care services and social relief of distress provided to older persons, mentally ill, persons with disabilities, the sick, and **children**.

Government Gazette, Vol. 657, dated 25 March 2020, page 10