

# Missouri's 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC Guidance Related to COVID-19

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The following guidance is issued for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Center (21<sup>st</sup> CCLC) sub-grantees to assist with afterschool planning as schools reopen:

- The 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC law specifies that 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC must take place when school is **not** in session. If students are receiving any school day curriculum, lessons, and/or instruction provided by the school at any time of the day, whether it be on the school site, at an alternate location (i.e. Boys and Girls Club) or remotely/virtually this is considered ‘in session’. Therefore, 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC services would not be allowed during this in session time as it would not meet the law of 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC. This federal 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC law has not been revised and must still be met. All 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC programs are highly encouraged to work with the district administration in which the students are enrolled to determine a plan for when school will be considered ‘in session’ so that the 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC afterschool services can take place when school is not in session in accordance with the 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC law. You can find the 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC law at <https://www2.ed.gov/documents/essa-act-of-1965.pdf> (Sec.4201(b)(1)(A); page 234).
- If the Afterschool program is relocated to alternate sites or buildings, please be sure it is in coordination with the school district as applicable, and that all programs (schools and non-schools) consult with their local health department on the best procedures for your area.
- Programs must be complimentary and not duplicate the regular school day program or conflict with school day remote learning schedules (i.e. in session).
- If any youth who are deemed children of “essential workers” are served by a 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC sub-grantee, their enrollment and participation in the 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC program should be treated consistent with the purpose of 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC programs and no differently from any other participant. The 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC program cannot provide for ‘child care’.
- If program income is collected, all programs must be open to all youth and no one will be turned away for inability to pay. In times of economic hardship, additional attention to

detail in program income practice and in public communications is strongly recommended due to conditions created by COVID-19.

- Program monitoring will continue to follow the requirements of the 21st CCLC law, regulations, and state/federal guidance. Program monitoring will continue in the 2020-21 school year. These plans are still being drafted, but more than likely on-site visits will be conducted via electronic submission of documentation instead. Details on the monitoring process and a list of selected programs will be available by mid-October.

Our DESE Afterschool staff continues to work a combination of telework and in office days until otherwise directed. We continue to be on email and phone daily if you need to reach us for any questions or assistance. Please use the same contact information for us that you always do.

Additionally, many events/meetings/conferences are being postponed or canceled for the 2020-21 school year. The Afterschool Portal will be updated as information comes to our attention.

You can also find contact information for the Missouri AfterSchool Network (MASN), including your AREs/coaches, on the Afterschool Portal. Please be assured they too will continue to be here to provide support and answer questions you may have.

We encourage you to keep us informed of your 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC program plans as schools begin to reopen. We will continue to share any updates and information as it becomes available to us.

Thank you for all you do for your students, families and communities!