



Hurricane Irma Closure Notification

School Readiness (SR) payment

Childcare providers who were unable to open on days due to Hurricane Irma will be reimbursed at their normal rate. *Note that SR payment does not align with the school calendar. You will be paid for your closure days only if you have an approved holiday for that day or in the case of Hurricane Irma, when the state of emergency was declared AND your site was unable to open.*

VPK (Voluntary Prekindergarten) Payment

Note the following is state Rule; the local coalition has no leeway. For VPK providers, (Rule 6M-8.204(5), F.A.C.). · Temporary Closures Caused by Emergency Circumstances:

In the case of a temporary closure for a declared emergency, a student is considered to be in attendance for the 80/20 formula.

- A student is considered to have attended all VPK program hours offered during a temporary closure caused by emergency circumstances for a combined total of five (5) instructional days for each VPK class, if the provider submits notification in writing to the coalition the dates, which the provider was closed.
- A closure is temporary if the provider resumes instruction following the closure, caused by emergency circumstances when a state of emergency is declared by federal, state or local officials for the area in which the provider is located.
- A temporary closure caused by emergency circumstances is not payable for any student who does not attend a VPK instructional day following the closure.
- A provider shall **revise its class schedule to restore VPK instructional days, which are lost due to temporary closures caused by emergency circumstances in excess of a total of five (5) instructional days for a VPK class. Providers are only allowed five (5) paid Temporary Emergency Closures days per classroom per school year.**

PLEASE NOTE: Providers must login their OEL Portal account and make the VPK calendar change. Then send an email to Laura Woodson lwoodson@earlylearningcoalitionsarasota.org with day/s changed.

Hurricane Irma Closure Notification for _____ VPK _____ SR (Indicate program)

My site was **unable to open** on the following dates due to Hurricane Irma impact. Closure reason must be provided for payment confirmation:

Dates:

Reason:

- Power outage
- Structure damage
- Debris on child care site grounds
- Staff unable to come to work to meet ratio
- Parents unable to drive to site due to traffic conditions
- Other – list reason (*School closure is not acceptable reason*)

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Name of Child Care Site: _____

Print Name

Signature

Date