

Kentucky-specific points

- A majority of providers report that their school district or local schools are currently operating on a hybrid model (54%), followed by in-person classes for all students (23%)
- This spring 2021, 80% of programs are physically open in some capacity, and only 5% report being completely closed. This is up from the summer 2020, when only 17% of programs reported being physically open. A majority of programs that report being physically open are open to all children (91%).
- Programs in Kentucky are continuing to step up this spring 2021, with more programs serving as a meals site (40%) compared to the summer 2020 (34%) and providing care for children of essential workers (55% compared to 4%). With schools largely operating on a hybrid schedule, programs this spring 2021 are also providing a safe and supervised learning environment during virtual school days (59%). On average, programs report being open for an additional 25.4 hours a week.
- Concerns regarding students remain high this spring 2021, with the biggest concerns being students experiencing learning loss (74%), students missing opportunities for social connections (71%), and students' mental and emotional health (70%). While these numbers are high, they are all lower than they were in the summer 2020. This spring 2021, 49% of programs are concerned with their students missing out on physical activity.
- Programs remain concerned about the operations of their program as well, with roughly 6 in 10 programs concerned about maintaining adequate staff through health concerns and new procedures (62%) and finding staff to hire (61%). Optimistically, however, most concerns among programs are the same or have lowered since the summer 2020.
- This summer, most Kentucky programs report that they are planning on offering summer programming (70%), with a majority of these planning on serving students in-person (85%). Programs are most concerned this summer about reduced enrollment due to safety concerns (53%) and being able to hire enough staff (54%), as well as being able to meet interest/demand from families (30%).
- Only 40% of programs report being in conversations with their schools/school district about how to best support learning this upcoming summer, down from 65% of programs in the summer 2020. 37% report being in conversations about how to best re-open schools and/or return to serving all students in person.