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# Learning Bridges Program Will Remain Open While Department of Education Schools Are Closed

New York City Department of Education schools are closed for in-person learning until further notice. All students who were attending school buildings in the hybrid learning model will now learn remotely every day.

#### The Learning Bridges program will remain <u>open</u> while schools go 100% remote.

Learning Bridges has instructed providers in the program's network to work with families and offer them additional days of service if their capacity allows. At this time, Learning Bridges is only available to children from 3k – 8<sup>th</sup> grade who attend Department of Education schools or programs.

The Learning Bridges Program posted their list of active sites across the 5 boroughs. If you want to see if your child's school or program has been paired with a Learning Bridges site, click <u>here</u>.

When you arrive on the site, scroll to the middle of the page where you will see the words: "Schools and Programs Paired with Learning Bridges Sites" followed by a list of each borough.

- Bronx
- Brooklyn
- Manhattan
- Queens
- Staten Island

To view the school/program and the Learning Bridges Site, click the arrow located next to the borough you want to view.

After you click the arrow, you should see three columns: School Name | Grade Served | Learning Bridges Site. All the information you need is contained in this list. To view the list, click here.

At this time, we do not have any additional contact information for these sites.

If you do not see your child's school or program listed and need assistance, please email the Child Care Services inbox, <u>childcareservices@nychhc.org</u>

If your child attends a Department of Education school and you still need to complete a Learning Bridges application, please <u>click here</u>.



### Additional Child Care Help

For all parents in our System who need child care help, NYC Health + Hospitals offers Sittercity and Bright Horizons.

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Sittercity is an online portal that allows parents to identify child care providers in their local area. The membership and the basic background check fee is waived for NYC Health + Hospital employees. Employees have the option of securing additional background checks, which are offered to NYC Health + Hospitals employees at a discounted rate.

Staff are **responsible for covering** the costs of childcare services through the Sittercity website. Sitters have an hourly rate, i.e. \$10-15/hour.

**Bright Horizons** offers backup childcare services when you need to secure alternative child care arrangement when an emergency happens and your normal child care arrangements are temporarily unavailable. This program is available to eligible employees. Once your application is approved, each employee will be allowed up to 10 uses for the duration of the program. All Bright Horizons services include a co-pay.

For additional information on Sittercity, Bright Horizons, and to access the Learning Bridges application, please visit our child care services landing page by clicking <u>here</u>.