

On March 13, 2020, Governor Tim Walz declared a peacetime emergency to protect Minnesotans from COVID-19. As part of the state government response to the emergency, state agencies were asked to prioritize services and change program requirements to respond to the changing needs of Minnesotans during this crisis. Providers are focused on staying open, finding supplies, and staying healthy. Most Licensing and Parent Aware training requirement deadlines have been extended under the peacetime emergency as well.

There are temporary modifications to Achieve procedures that affect Training Sponsor Organizations and Trainers for you to be aware of during the peacetime emergency. Under the guidance of the Minnesota Department of Human Services, Achieve has temporarily suspended the online Trainer requirement in order to shift more training content to online delivery during the peacetime emergency.

In following the CDC guidelines for social distancing, it is strongly urged that no in-person training is conducted until the Governor's peacetime emergency order has officially ended. No DHS owned Courses should be delivered as in-person training and participants should be referred to Eager-to-Learn to take the online versions of Courses needed for Licensing and Parent Aware. For registration and information on Eager-to-Learn contact 651-335-6658 or [ETLsupport@childcareawaremn.org](mailto:ETLsupport@childcareawaremn.org). If providers do not have the hardware or internet access capability to take online training, please contact Marissa Albritton at [MarissaA@childcareawaremn.org](mailto:MarissaA@childcareawaremn.org) 651-290-9704 ext. 261 at Child Care Aware to discuss how Child Care Aware can support providers to meet Licensing or Parent Aware training requirements.

There may be limited scenarios where in-person training by child care center staff who are also approved Trainers follow CDC social distancing guidelines and can be allowed while the Governor's peacetime emergency is in effect. Please use CDC guidance to make exception determinations.

Trainers can use the one page Achieve online Course submission document to convert their classroom training to online training. This online Course approval process has been modified in order to meet potential increased demand for online training during this peacetime emergency and Achieve will return to standard online approval processes at the end of the emergency.

If you would like to convert your approved classroom Course content to offer as online Course content please follow the Achieve guidelines for online Course submission. Please contact Achieve-MNCPD at [support@mncpd.org](mailto:support@mncpd.org) (Attention: Nicky Severson) or 1-855-378-3131 (choose option 4) with questions.