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Free Child Care for Vaccination Appointments and Vaccination Recovery through July 4, 2021

SANTA FE – Two of the largest child care providers in New Mexico will offer free child care to all parents and caregivers getting vaccinated against the COVID-19 virus or recovering from vaccination from now until July 4. KinderCare, with four locations in Albuquerque, and Learning Care Group, which operates 14 La Petite Academy locations in Albuquerque, Rio Rancho, Bernalillo, and Santa Fe, will offer free drop-in appointments to those who need child care support to get vaccinated or recover from vaccination side effects. The free child care initiative is part of a nationwide vaccine incentive program.

Parents and caregivers wanting to make a drop-in appointment at a New Mexico KinderCare or La Petite Academy Location may do so at:

KinderCare

Call (866) 337-3105 or visit <https://www.kindercare.com/lp/vaccine-free-day> for details

La Petite Academy

Call (833) 459-3557 or visit <https://www.learningcaregroup.com/vaccine-care-faq/> for details

Free transportation to vaccination sites is available through Lyft and Uber. More information about vaccine incentives can be found at: <https://www.vaccines.gov/incentives.html>

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The New Mexico Early Childhood Education and Care Department (ECECD) launched in 2020, one of only four cabinet level agencies nationwide that consolidated all early childhood agencies under one roof. ECECD's mission is to optimize the health, development, education, and well being of babies, toddlers, and preschoolers through a family-driven, equitable, community-based system of programs and services. Learn more about how ECECD supports children, families, and the early childhood professionals that serve our communities at nmeccd.org. On Facebook and Twitter as @NewMexicoECECD.