**Connect with a Child Care Health Consultant (CCHC)**

Child care health consultants are health professionals with specialized training in health consultation for early care and education settings. In North Carolina, there are 42 local CCHCs providing **comprehensive** CCHC support in [32 counties](https://healthychildcare.unc.edu/child-care-health-consultants/about-cchc/).

During the current pandemic, CCHC services have been **temporarily expanded** so that COVID-19 specific support is available in **every county**. To connect with a CCHC, visit the NC Child Care Health and Safety Resource Center’s website: <https://healthychildcare.unc.edu/find-a-cchc/>

To address issues related to COVID-19, CCHCs:

* Support the implementation of the [ChildCareStrongNC Public Health Toolkit](https://files.nc.gov/covid/documents/childcare/NC-Interim-Guidance-for-Child-Care-Settings.pdf) including infection prevention and control strategies such as screening, exclusion, sanitation, and social distancing in the classroom
* Provide up-to-date resources and information on prevention and control recommendations from reputable sources
* Communicate with the local health department, environmental health, and child care (licensing) consultants to facilitate coordination and consistent messaging between agencies
* Support the safe inclusion of children with special health care needs

Visit the Administration for Children and Families’ Early Childhood Learning and Knowledge Center for further information on how [child care health consultants make early care and educations programs healthier and safer](https://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/publication/child-care-health-consultants-make-early-care-education-programs-healthier-safer).