

Critical Services Worker (CSW) Definition

In a Critical (Red) response level, schools and school divisions will endeavour to accommodate Kindergarten to Grade 6 children of CSWs who cannot make alternative care arrangements.

Various limitations will affect the number of children of CSWs that a school can safely manage. It is understood that schools/school divisions may not have the space required to accommodate all Kindergarten to Grade 6 children of CSWs while maintaining two metres of physical distancing. Therefore, a prioritization system is needed.

Priority access will be given to health care providers. Other CSWs will be eligible and prioritized by schools/school divisions as follows:

Tier One:

- Health/Health Services
- Kindergarten to Grade 12 Education Providers (all teachers, administrators, and support staff)
- Child Care Workers
- Law Enforcement
- Corrections Workers
- Fire and Paramedic First Responders
- Direct Social Services and Child Protection Workers

Tier Two:

Additional Critical Service Providers. This may include people who provide essential services to Manitobans such as front-line natural resource workers, gas station attendants, grocery store staff, and hospital/clinic support staff, such as those listed in I *Essential Services Act* at <https://web2.gov.mb.ca/laws/statutes/ccsm/e145e.php>.