



# Hurricane Ian Weekly Update

## 10/25/2022



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- Welcome
- Community Help
- VPK Calendars and Transfers
- Reimbursement
- Survey
- Questions





# Need Help?

# Unitedwaylee.org

- **Looking for Volunteers?**

- Our United Way Volunteer Center provides a full interactive [volunteer connection portal](#) where you can also promote your organizations volunteer opportunities. New organizations can register and update their opportunities at [Unitedwayleepartners.galaxydigital.com](#) Email Lissette at: [LOrtiz@UnitedWayLee.org](mailto:LOrtiz@UnitedWayLee.org) or call (239) 433-7567 for more details.

<https://unitedwaylee.org/volunteer/>



# Internet Access

- If you have a problem with internet access, you are welcome to come to either the Naples or Ft. Myers ELC office and use our kiosks.
- At the Ft. Myers office, ask for Bernadette if you need assistance, in the Naples office ask for Amanda.

# Pack and Plays and Car Seats

- Pack and Plays are available for families who have been displaced or effected by Hurricane Ian and who need a safe place for their infants under the age of 1 to sleep.
- There are both infant and toddler car seats available. These must be installed correctly, so they cannot just be picked up without the car they will be in.
- If you have families who need these items, please contact Danna Breeden at (239) 825-5218 or by email at [danna.breeden@flhealth.gov](mailto:danna.breeden@flhealth.gov) for more information.

# VPK Transfers and Calendars

- **Rule 6M-8.210**

- Children who have not attended 70% of a program's instructional hours and who have not previously reenrolled are eligible for a Primary Reenrollment Due to Good Cause.
- Children who have not attended 70% of a program's instructional hours and have already been granted a Primary Reenrollment Due to Good Cause are eligible for a Subsequent Reenrollment Exemption Due to Good Cause using the extreme hardship criteria cited below.
  - "f. Displacement of the child from his or her place of residence or closure of the child's VPK provider as a result of a state of emergency as declared by a federal, state, or local governmental official;"

- **Rule 6M-8.204(4)(a)**

- A private provider or school district may modify its schedule up to two times for any reason other than a temporary closure caused by emergency circumstances as described in subsection (5). A private provider or school district may modify its schedule as frequently as necessary to restore instructional days lost as a result of a temporary closure caused by emergency circumstances.

# Reimbursement questions

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If your attendance has been rejected, it may be due to missing “Temporary Closures”

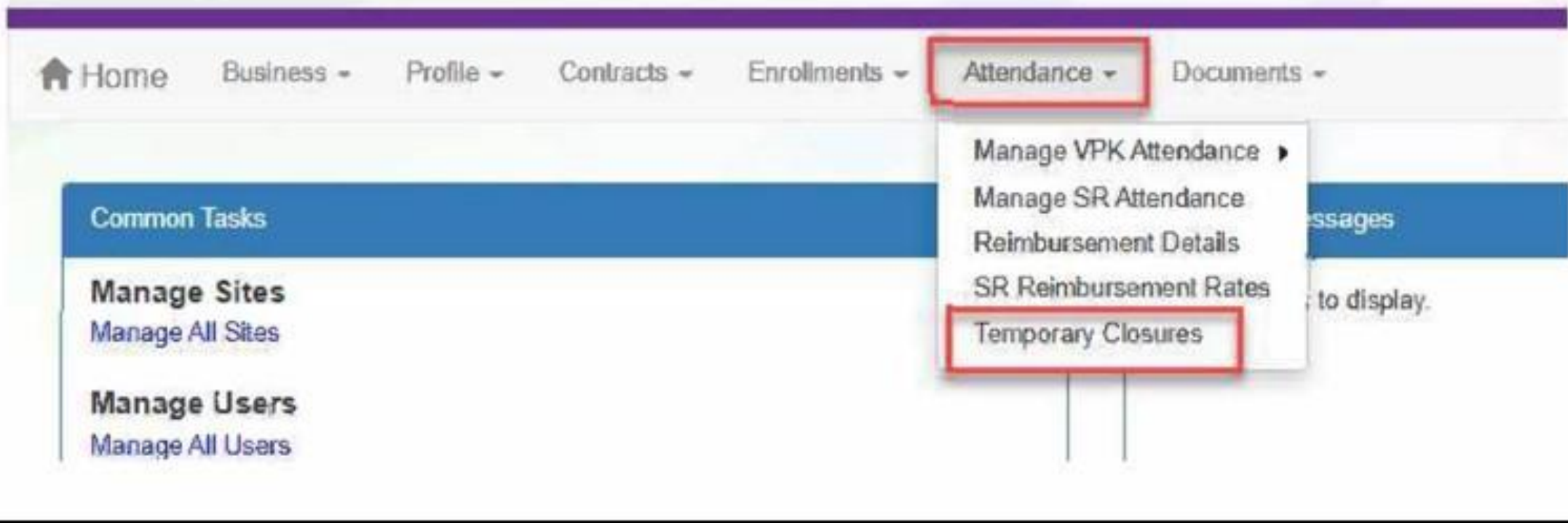
Temporary closures must be created BEFORE attendance is submitted for the month in which the closure occurs.

Click on Attendance and when the box drops down, click on Temporary Closures



**NOTE:** Temporary closures must be created BEFORE attendance is submitted for the month in which the closure occurs.

To add a closure, navigate to **Attendance > Temporary Closures**.



# Directions for Temporary Closures

- School Readiness:

- Click on the attendance tab and choose temporary closure from the drop down
- Submit and wait for approval
- Once the temporary closure is approved, you may enter your attendance.

For assistance with SR contact **Ginger Paugh at 935-6154**

- VPK:

- Change your VPK calendar in the VPK APP to reflect the days you were closed and want to be paid for, up to 5. These are marked as instructional day exceptions. The 5 days are the emergency closure days you are allowed for the year.
- Make sure that your calendar still shows 540 hours
- Your VPK APP must be certified before you create the temporary closure and submit attendance.
- Click on the attendance tab and choose temporary closure from the drop down
- Submit and wait for approval. Once the temporary closure is approved, you can enter attendance.

For assistance with VPK please contact **Bernadette Quinones at 935-6151**

# Survey

- Please update the survey as circumstances change
  - i.e. your open/close status changes
- [https://elclc.formstack.com/forms/swfl\\_post\\_storm\\_provider\\_survey](https://elclc.formstack.com/forms/swfl_post_storm_provider_survey)



# Alternative Gross Motor Activities

- If your playground was damaged, you can still open with an alternative gross motor plan.
- A packet with some simple ideas is now online
- <https://elcofswfl.org/school-readiness-information/>



# Announcements & Questions?

- Announcements
- Provider Questions from the Chat Box

<https://elcofswfl.org/hurricane-relief-assistance/>





Thank you!

Next meeting November 1, 2022

Hurricane updates will be held every Tuesday at 1  
pm as needed

**Thank you for your continuing support of children and  
families now, and especially during the ongoing emergency!**

