Every Picture Tells A Story – School Closings and Child Care

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It has been some time since my children were in school, even longer since I was in high school let alone elementary school. One of the first realizations from COVID-19 was how our public schools have become the daily source of food for so many of our children. Education and feeding the hungry have become so intertwined. How has COVID-19 changed school and child care? These images are from a report by McKinsey and Co, Charting the path to the next normal.

As of April 15, 191 governments had closed K–12 schools in response to the coronavirus.

School closures

1.6 billion children affected

Source: UNESCO
Nearly 27 million Americans are dependent on childcare to work.

Total US workers dependent on childcare to return to work, by state, millions

State workforce dependent on childcare, %


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