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