



CHILD CARE

Protocols for Child Care

Mandatory

- Child care providers will operate under reduced staff to child ratios and maximum group size limitations at all times.
- One child care staff member per four infants with no more than six children in the room.
- One child care staff member per six toddlers with a max of two infants with no more than six children in the room.
- Employees must perform daily symptom assessment.*
- Require employees to stay home if symptomatic.

Recommended Best Practices

- Child care workers should wear a cloth face covering, unless it is unsafe for them to do so.
- Cloth face coverings should not be worn if the person has trouble breathing, is unconscious, is incapacitated, or they are unable to remove the mask without assistance.

Facilities

- Public areas and restrooms will be cleaned and disinfected every two hours using EPA-registered disinfectants, particularly on high-touch surfaces such as faucets, toilets, doorknobs and light switches

At Drop Off

- Child care providers will ensure that children wash their hands upon entering their classroom. This may require providers to assist children with handwashing.
- Child care providers must check the temperatures of all staff, children, and adults upon arrival. If any individual has a fever of 100.4 degrees or higher, they may not enter the facility.

During the Day

- Child care workers must follow rigorous handwashing procedures as detailed in Appendix B to the Ohio Administrative Code 5101:2-12-13:
 - Upon arrival for the day, after breaks and upon returning from outside. After toileting or assisting a child with toileting.
 - After each diaper change or pull-up change.
 - After contact with bodily fluids or cleaning up spills or objects contaminated with bodily fluids.
 - After cleaning or sanitizing or using any chemical products.
 - Before eating, serving or preparing food or bottles or feeding a child.
 - Before and after completing a medical procedure or administering medication.
 - When visibly soiled (must use soap and water).
 - Prior to departure.

- Providers should modify pick-up and drop-off to ensure social distancing.
- Providers may stagger drop-off and pick-up times to reduce contact between families.
- Parent or caretaker should, when safe to do so, wear a mask for pick-up and drop-off.
- The same parent or caretaker should conduct pick-up and drop-off each day.
- Providers should conduct "curbside" pick up and drop-off where possible.
- A single employee should operate child pick-up and drop-off, escorting all children to and from their classroom.
- Child care providers should limit parent and visitor entry into the facility.

- Child care providers should cancel all field trips, excursions, and large-group events such as parties.
- Child care providers should, to the extent possible, prevent groups from mixing.
 - Children of the same employer, to the extent possible, should be in the same group.
 - Teachers should remain with their group throughout the day.
 - Support staff should only serve one group of children and should not "float" from room to room.
- Child care providers should stagger the use of any communal space, such as playgrounds, lunchrooms, and bathrooms. Providers should sanitize communal spaces between each group of children.
- When temporary dividers are used, child care providers should ensure that groups do not mix.
 - Providers should use different entrance/exits for each group of students.
 - Providers should use separate sinks for each group of kids.
 - To the extent possible, providers should use different bathrooms for each group.

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Recommended Best Practices

During the Day (cont)

- Child care attendees must follow rigorous handwashing procedures as detailed in Appendix B to the Ohio Administrative Code 5101:2-12-13:
 - Upon arrival for the day.
 - After toileting/diaper change.
 - After contact with bodily fluids.
 - After returning inside after outdoor play.
 - After handling pets, pet cages or other pet objects that have come in contact with the pet before moving on to another activity.
 - Before eating or assisting with food preparation.
 - After water activities.
 - When visibly soiled (must use soap and water).
 - Prior to departure.
- Child care providers may use non-permanent sinks to meet hand-washing requirements.
- Child care providers must immediately send home any child or employee who has a temperature of 100.4 degrees or higher. This individual may not return until they are fever free for 24 hours, without the use of fever-reducing medication. If the individual has had contact with someone confirmed or probable to have COVID-19, he or she must complete isolation or quarantine procedures in coordination with the local health department prior to returning to the program.

At Pick Up

- Child care providers must ensure that children wash their hands prior to departure. This may require providers to assist children with handwashing.

Physical Environment

- Child care providers may use temporary walls to divide a room into smaller spaces to serve multiple groups, under limited circumstances.
 - The smaller space must contain at least 35 square feet of space per child.
 - The divider must be at least six feet in height.
 - The divider must be made from nonporous material or other material that can be sanitized.
 - The divider must meet any requirements set by the Department of Commerce, local building department, state fire marshal, or local fire safety inspector.

Confirmed Cases

- Child care providers may use temporary walls to divide a room into smaller spaces to serve multiple groups, under limited circumstances.
- Immediately isolate and seek medical care for any individual who develops symptoms while at the day care facility.
- Shutdown rooms for deep sanitation, if possible.
- Child care providers should immediately notify the Community Center front desk and the Department of Job and Family Services in writing of any confirmed cases of COVID-19 among children or staff.

- Child care providers should sanitize toys after each use and remove toys that cannot be sanitized. Mandatory Recommended Best Practices Responsible Restart Ohio Child Care.
- Child care providers should wear gloves while serving food and preparing bottles.
- Gloves should be changed between bottle feedings.

- Providers should modify pick-up and drop-off to ensure social distancing.
 - Providers may stagger drop-off and pick-up times to reduce contact between families.
 - Caregiver should, when safe to do so, wear a mask for pick-up and drop-off.
 - Providers should conduct "curbside" pick up and drop-off.
 - A single employee should operate child pick-up and drop-off, escorting all children to and from their classroom.

- Work with local health department to identify potentially infected or exposed individuals to help facilitate effective contact tracing/notifications.
- Once testing is readily available, test all suspected infections or exposures.
- Following testing, contact local health department to initiate appropriate care and tracing.

WHAT WE WILL DO IF A COVID-19 INFECTION IS IDENTIFIED:

- **Immediately report employee or customer infections to the local Board of Health.**
- **Work with the local Board of Health to identify potentially exposed individuals.**
- **Facilitate appropriate communication/contact tracing. Shutdown for deep sanitation and cleaning.**
- **Reopen in consultation with the local Board of Health.**

***Per the CDC, symptoms include cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fever, chills, muscle pain, sore throat, and new loss of taste or smell.**