

Webinar: Guidance for Child Care Programs that Remain Open

For Currently Operating
Child Care Centers and Group Child Care Homes

Wednesday, April 29, 2020

1:00 – 1:30 pm

Welcome!

- Offered by The Office of Child Development and Early Learning (OCDEL), Bureau of Certification, in collaboration with the Pennsylvania Key
- Today's Webinar recording will be posted on PA Keys Coronavirus page: <https://www.pakeys.org/coronavirus/>
 - Slides & CDC Guidance posted
- Going forward, weekly Webinars will be pre-recorded and posted by Friday on PA Keys website - **ON DEMAND access**
- Weekly webinars will be different in response to your questions sent to this address: hssco@pakeys.org

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 - In support of Pennsylvania's Office of Child Development & Early Learning



Webinar Logistics

- Due to 30 minute timeframe, all participants are muted
- Please type questions into the Chat Box – questions will be addressed in future Webinars
- Please email additional questions or comments anytime to this address: hssco@pakeys.org
- OCDEL is committed to reviewing and addressing all questions to the best of its ability

Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and Prevention: Supplemental Guidance Updated 4/21/2020

Guidance for Child Care Programs that Remain Open:

- <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/guidance-for-childcare.html>

Purpose of Webinar:

1. Clarify practices described in current CDC Guidance
2. Describe how CDC Guidance helps to keep children, staff, and parents safe and healthy
3. Address questions submitted by providers

Position of the Bureau of Certification

- The Bureau of Certification is recommending child care providers follow the CDC guidance to the best of their ability.
- Certification will not cite or sanction providers not complying with the CDC guidance.
- The CDC Guidance describes what programs “should” do (not “must do”).

What Practices are Different Now? (Based on CDC Guidance)

- Screen both children and staff before entry to facility
- Minimize contact at drop off and pick up
- Exclude children and staff with any of these symptoms: fever, cough, shortness of breath, chills or repeated shaking with chills, new loss of taste or smell
- Should wear masks or cloth face coverings
- 6 feet physical distancing

Masks: Current CDC Guidance

- **Adults and children over 2 years should wear a cloth face covering or mask that covers nose and mouth**
- Children may not be able to reliably wear, remove, and handle masks
- Do not wear masks when napping
- Do not wear masks when engaging in vigorous physical activity (which causes you to breathe hard enough to limit your ability to speak)
- N95 masks are reserved only for health care providers

Cloth Face Coverings or Masks

- Cloth face coverings (handmade) are washed daily; best to use facility's washer/dryer
- Some children over 2 years are unable to keep a mask on without frequent removal or touching the surface of the mask, which defeats its purpose:
 - Provider decides if masks are **feasible** for each child
- Practice meticulous hand washing with children
- Be strict about putting mouthed or handled toys into a sealed bin with disinfectant after a child touches the toys

General Preparedness Tips

- Communicate with families regularly:
 - Update emergency contact information
 - Inform them about your policies during the COVID-19 pandemic emergency
- Explain that your facility must not allow any visitors to come inside
- Explain that personal items must be left at home, i.e. backpacks, toys, stuffed animals
- Check-in with families about their wellbeing:
 - Provide community resources, i.e. food insecurity

Drop Off Protocol – CDC Guidance

- **Plan arrival/drop off outside the facility, even curb-side**
- Stagger arrival and drop off times
- Use hand sanitizer for sign-in/out by each parents; wipe down the pen with alcohol each time
- Limit direct contact with parents/guardians
- Do not hug or shake hands at drop off (or pick up)
- Designated person to drop off a child or the provider managing drop off should not be:
 - A “vulnerable” person (older person such as a grandparent or person with serious underlying medical condition)

Daily Health Check – Do This Before Child Enters the Facility

- Greet children to make them feel comfortable
- **Do not admit a child with one or more of these symptoms (CDC Guidance):**
 - A fever (>100.4 degrees Fahrenheit or 38 degrees Celsius)
 - Cough
 - Trouble breathing (rapid breathing or difficulty breathing)
- In addition, use routine daily health check tools for excluding children with signs/symptoms of illness (regardless of whether or not child shows signs or symptoms of COVID-19)

What's NEW: CDC's 3 Screening Methods

Method #1

Social/Physical Distancing (must stay 6 feet apart)

- Child's temperature is taken at home
- Parent/Guardian confirms child does not have any fever, cough, shortness of breath, or trouble breathing
- Visual inspection of child for signs of illness, including flushed cheeks, rapid breathing, fatigue, or fussiness

What's New: CDC's 3 Screening Methods

Method #2

Barrier/Partition Controls

- Stand behind a physical barrier/partition
- Make visual inspection of the child for signs of illness
- Conduct temperature screening with thermometer
- Use clean pair of gloves for each child unless using a non-contact (no touch) thermometer
- Clean and disinfect thermometer between each use

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Method #3

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

- Use PPE if within 6 feet of a child
- Wash hands, put on face mask or cloth face covering
 - Use eye protection (i.e. sports goggles, regular glasses are not enough; need coverage on sides and top/bottom)
 - Use disposable gloves, possibly gown, or smock, long sleeves
- Take the child's temperature and visually inspect the child.
- After screenings, remove/discard or wash PPE; hand wash

Future Webinar Topics

- Cleaning and disinfecting practices
- Review of Exclusion Criteria for COVID-19
- Updates to CDC Guidance
- Please email your questions or comments to:
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NOTE: If there is a positive case of COVID-19 in a child or adult who has been present in the child care facility:

- Call the PA Department of Health at 1-877-724-3258
- Inform OCDEL by contacting the appropriate Regional Office of Certification

Potential Exposures

- "A potential exposure means being a household contact or having close contact within 6 feet of an individual with confirmed or suspected COVID-19 for at least 10 minutes.
- The timeframe for having contact with an individual includes the period of time of 48 hours before the individual became symptomatic. "

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