

CHILD CARE SAFETY DURING COVID-19

Families can follow these guidelines to help keep children, families and employees in child care facilities safe while helping to reduce the risk of spreading COVID-19:



REMEMBER TO:

Monitor your child for any symptoms of illness and talk to a health care provider if symptoms appear.

Keep your child at home if they are ill, if they are awaiting COVID-19 test results, or if they or any close contact are confirmed to have COVID-19.

Avoid close contact with people who are sick.

Keep your child home if they have a fever or if they have symptoms of illness that have not been previously evaluated by a health care provider.

For families with children age 2 and older, practice using a face covering with your child to determine if they are able to wear and remove it safely.*

Plan to drop-off and pick-up your child outside of the child care facility. A parent/guardian must wear a mask during drop-off and pick-up.

Teach and model good hygiene practices, including covering coughs and sneezes with an elbow or tissue and washing hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.

If your child has a health condition that places them at high risk for experiencing severe illness from COVID-19, consult with your child's health care provider before sending them to child care.

Be ready to talk with your child and answer questions about COVID-19. For example:

- “Why are my teachers wearing masks?”
- “Why do I have to wear a mask?” or
- “Why can't I be near my friends or teacher?”

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has a recommendations on talking to children about COVID-19 available at bit.ly/CDCttc

To learn more about how child care providers are keeping District children and families safe, visit coronavirus.dc.gov or talk to your child care provider.

* Do not use a face covering for your child if: your child is less than the age of 2, your child's health care provider has said they should not wear a mask, your child cannot remove the mask without assistance, or your child has any health condition that prevents them from breathing safely with a mask.



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