## CHILD CARE FACILITIES

**Open with restrictions**

*This allows additional facilities to open or expand as increased workforce returns.*

### WORKSPACES

- Prioritize care for children of essential workers / parents returning to work / job seekers
- Keep group size per room under 10 children
- Keep groups of children together with same staff when possible
- Conduct daily temperature checks and monitor symptoms in employees and students and any person entering the building. Refer symptomatic employees to the CDPHE Symptom Tracker. ([Additional Guidance](#))
- Require handwashing upon arrival and enable handwashing throughout the day
- Limit the number of child-staff and child-child interaction in common spaces as much as possible (e.g. playground equipment, hallways, etc.)
- Encourage 6-foot distancing and, where possible, implement distancing systems while learning
- Stagger meal times (if normally done in a large group) and encourage individual meals (no family-style dining)
- Sanitize all high-touch areas at start and end of the day and, when possible, throughout the day ([Additional Guidance](#))
- Limit the toys in use to those that are easily cleanable, non-porous, with smooth surfaces and eliminate soft, fabric toys, dress-up clothing, sensory tables and water play
- Establish clear plan / protocol to isolate staff and children who have symptoms
- Determine plan for substitute staff members to cover for ill or quarantined staff

### EMPLOYEES

- Require use of face coverings or masks (preferred medical grade if available, otherwise cloth) ([Additional Guidance](#))
- Provide guidance and encouragement on maintaining 6-foot distancing
- Provide guidance and encouragement on frequent handwashing
- Provide training to all staff specific to all issues in the public health order
- Require staff to stay home when showing any symptoms or signs of sickness
- Provide all staff with support and referrals for their mental health needs

**This section includes:**

- Licensed and license-exempt child care centers
- Licensed and license-exempt In-home child care

**This section does not include:**

- Summer camps
- Public preschool on public school campuses

### TO PROTECT CHILDREN/PARENTS

- Implement curbside pick-up and drop-off only
- Implement alternative child check-in and check-out procedures that minimize parent touching of shared items (pens, paper, etc.)
- Require parents to keep children home when showing any symptoms or signs of sickness
- Encourage parents to take their children’s temperature prior to bringing them to child care
- Provide face coverings or masks for children age 3+ per current CDPHE guidance, no face coverings or masks for children 0-3
- Remove face coverings or masks from children during naps and place nap mats 6 feet apart
- Provide frequent communication with all families of enrolled children specific to all issues in the public health order

**Additional resources and guidelines:**

- Face Covering Guidance for Child Care Operations during COVID-19 Response