**CHILD CARE FACILITIES**

Open with restrictions

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

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| • 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 | • 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 | • 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 |

**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

Additional resources and guidelines:

- [Face Covering Guidance for Child Care Operations during COVID-19 Response](#)