

CHILD CARE SERVICES

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COVID-19 REOPENING GUIDELINES



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- Consider changing your sign in procedures for parents and other visitors (e.g., move handoffs closer to the front door to minimize parents coming into the classroom space and avoid possible exposure to children and caregivers).
- Limit visitors to the facility.
- Limit communal sharing of food, and donations where possible.
- Make sure children, staff, and visitors are washing hands as directed by DHEC.
- Clean and disinfect all surfaces within the facility regularly.
- Direct staff to stay home when they are sick, and direct parents to keep their children home when they are ill. Encourage parents to watch for signs of illness (fever > 100.4°F, cough, difficulty breathing, chills, muscle pain, sore throat, or new loss of taste or smell) in their children. Screen children upon arrival, if possible.
- Children who live in the same house as a person who has been diagnosed with COVID-19 should not attend day care.
- Establish procedures to ensure children and staff who become sick at daycare or arrive at your facility sick are sent home as soon as possible. Keep sick children and staff separate from well children and staff until they can leave.
 - If an employee develops symptoms and is sent home, he/she should follow the CDC guidelines with regard to when to discontinue home isolation and return to work.
 - All areas where the infected individual was present should be cleaned and disinfected following the CDC guidelines PRIOR to facility re-opening.
 - Follow guidance from DHEC Epidemiology that may be specific to the scenario.
- Follow the child care licensing regulations related to diapering procedures. Ensure that dirty diapers are placed in a container that is not accessible to children.
- When feasible, staff members and older children should wear cloth face coverings within the facility.



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