Child Care During COVID-19 and Reopening Child Care

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Welcome

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COVID-19 PHASED REOPENING IN PA

RED
Stay at Home Order

YELLOW
Aggressive Mitigation

GREEN
Aggressive Mitigation Lifted

— IN EFFECT MAY 8 —
Background on COVID-19

• May 5, 2020 the following providers were operating
  • 903 Family Child Care Home or Group Child Care Homes
  • 626 Child Care Centers

• Since March 16, 2020 there have been a total of 10 Confirmed Cases COVID-19 reported in Child Care.
Current information on COVID-19 in Children

- Current data is preliminary as Coronavirus/COVID-19 is ‘novel’ or new

  - Initial CDC data collected from February 12-April 2 2020:
    - Relatively few children are hospitalized
    - Fewer children than adults experience fever, cough or shortness of breath
    - More severe symptoms linked with
      1. Age <1
      2. Underlying conditions (chronic lung disease/asthma, heart disease, immunosuppressed)

  - Harvard Medical School examined data from multiple countries and settings

Sources:


Child Care Operating Under Red

• Waiver Process

• Essential Service Workers

  • Governor’s List of Life Sustaining Businesses
When our county moves from Red to Yellow or Green: Do we need reopen?

There are several considerations:

- Staff
- Space
- Access to PPE
- Sanitation supplies
- Food
- Liability
If we decide to remain closed, what happens?

• OCDEL assumes that within 2-4 weeks all child care in a Yellow region will be reopened.

• Providers who remain closed should report the closure to RAPWOCDELFacilclose@pa.gov

• If a region or county is returned to Red, Child Care wishing to remain open will have to apply for a waiver.
Social Distance and Prevention - What guidance do we follow?

CDC Guidelines for Child Care that Remain Open

• Social Distancing in Child Care
• Mask for Staff and Children
• Group Sizes
• Capacity
• Outside Play
Regulatory Compliance

Non-negotiable

• Staff Child Ratio
• Staff Health Assessment
• Pennsylvania State Police, National Sex Offender Registry and ChildLine Background Clearances
Regulatory Suspension

• Under the Governor’s Disaster Proclamation OCDEL has submitted a request consideration of regulations related to:
  • Some annual training requirements
  • Child Health and Service Reports
  • Some record-keeping

• There is proposed legislation, HB 360 in process to allow for flexibility around FBI fingerprinting for provisional hires and renewals.

• As we receive updates child care will be informed directly via listserv
• Certificate of Compliance: Renewal Inspections have been suspended

• Complaint Investigations are Occurring

• OCDEL will provide notification in advance of the startup of renewal inspections
School-Age Child Care

• Operating in a School – Defer to PDE and local school district regarding building access.
• Emergency Relocation
• Part-Day School Age Programs
• Continuity of Education
Health and Safety

- Recordings available on the PA Key website [www.pakeys.org/ece-coronavirus-resources](http://www.pakeys.org/ece-coronavirus-resources), Guidance for School and Child Care section
- Group Child Care Centers That Remain Open from PA’s Office of Child Development and Early Learning (OCDEL)
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What to do if suspect exposure

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.

Guidance for Child Care Providers Caring for Children of Essential Personnel During COVID-19

https://bit.ly/2YCR7m7

CDC: Interim Guidance for Administrators of US K-12 Schools and Child Care Programs

Resources – Where to Look

There are several places you can updated information regarding COVID-19:

• The CDC- [https://www.cdc.gov](https://www.cdc.gov)

• The PA Department of Health – [www.health.pa.gov](http://www.health.pa.gov)

• The Department of Human Services – [www.dhs.pa.gov](http://www.dhs.pa.gov)

• The PA Key - [https://www.pakeys.org/ece-coronavirus-resources](https://www.pakeys.org/ece-coronavirus-resources)
Questions on Health and Safety Topics
email: hssco@pakeys.org

Thank you!