

Responding to COVID-19 in Early Care and Education

As child care providers and early childhood educators, you are likely following many of the policies and procedures for reducing the risk of COVID-19. **Reducing the risk of spreading COVID-19 is the same as preventing the flu or other respiratory illnesses in child care programs.**

Advice for how to reduce the risk of spreading COVID-19 can be found on this CCHP Poster at this link: <https://cchp.ucsf.edu/content/reduce-risk-covid-19> A CCHP Health and Safety Note on safe and effective cleaning, sanitizing, and disinfecting can be found at this link:

<https://cchp.ucsf.edu/content/safe-and-effective-cleaning-sanitizing-and-disinfecting>

Children with COVID-19 usually have symptoms such as fever, runny nose, and cough. Limited reports suggest that children with confirmed COVID-19 generally have mild symptoms. During your morning health check, watch for fever, runny nose, and cough. The CCHP Morning Health Check Poster can be found at this link: <https://cchp.ucsf.edu/content/morning-health-check>

As a result of the Governor's Proclamation of a State of Emergency, CDSS may permit licensing waivers related to COVID-19 as it deems necessary.

- Guidance for waivers is available in the Provider Information Notice (PIN) at this link: https://www.cdss.ca.gov/Portals/9/CCLD/PINs/PIN_20-04-CCLD_CoronavirusEO.pdf
- Visit the CDSS website for access to all recent PINs at this link: <https://www.cdss.ca.gov/inforesources/community-care-licensing/policy/provider-information-notice/child-care>

The California Department of Public Health has issued guidance documents for preventing the spread of coronavirus. They are available at these links:

- For child care settings: https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/CDPH%20Document%20Library/Coronavirus%20Daycare%202020_7_20%20Final.pdf
- For school settings: https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/CDPH%20Document%20Library/School%20Guidance_ADA%20Compliant_FINAL.pdf

Your local public health department has the latest information and advice for your geographic location, such as cases of confirmed COVID-19, school closures, and cancellations in your city or county. Consult your local public health department's website for more information.

