

COVID-19 Checklist

Childcare Providers

Top 5 Things Childcare Providers Can Do to Protect Against COVID-19

If you can keep your child home from daycare, you are encouraged to do so.

For childcare centers and providers who are still open, take the following steps to keep children, staff, and your community healthy.

- › Implement handwashing routines among all children and staff upon arrival, before and after eating, before and after any outdoor play time, and at the end of the day.
 - Conduct training for staff on handwashing, cleaning frequently touches surfaces, and cough etiquette. Clean all surfaces multiple times daily.
- › Separate children and staff who have signs and symptoms of COVID-19 (fever, cough, shortness of breath) and send them home as soon as possible.
- › Prepare to cancel care if there is a confirmed case of COVID-19 in your program (child or staff). Plan for environmental deep-cleaning with EPA-approved products.
- › If care is suspended, work with your local health department to make sure there are continuity plans for any meal, medical, or social programs provided through the program.
- › Continue to distribute only reputable education, resources, services, and updates to staff and families.
 - Visit the Minnesota Department of Health or Centers for Disease Control websites for current recommendations and resources.
 - Visit the MDH webpage [Schools and Child Care: Coronavirus Disease 2019](#) for current updates and guidance.

For up to date, accurate information, visit the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) [Prepare and Prevent: COVID-19](#) webpage, or the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) [Coronavirus webpage](#).



Wash your hands.



Stay home when sick.



Cover your cough.



Keep 6 feet apart.



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