

# COVID-19

## Guidance and resources for childcare facilities

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There is an expanding global outbreak of respiratory illness caused by a novel (new) coronavirus, named COVID-19. Jefferson County Public Health (JCPH) is aggressively managing this outbreak in collaboration with other national, state and local partners. Our number one priority is protecting the health and safety of our community.

### PUBLIC HEALTH GUIDANCE AND RECOMMENDATIONS

This is a rapidly developing situation, and as things continue to change over the course of this outbreak, it will be important to work closely with Jefferson County Public Health when making decisions about your facility and the health and safety of your participants. **Public Health is not currently recommending that child cares proactively close unless they have a confirmed case of COVID-19 in a staff or student.**

For more information, please view the following guidance documents:

- **CDPHE:** [COVID-19 Planning for Schools and Child Care Closure](#)
- **Colorado Office of Early Childhood:** [COVID-19 Update to Child Care Providers and ECCs \(March 15\)](#)
- **CDPHE:** [COVID-19 Guidance for Schools and Childcares](#)
- **CDC:** [Interim Guidance for Administrators of US K-12 Schools and Childcare Programs](#)

If you make the decision to close your facility, you must notify the Child Care Licensing Unit **using this form.**

### ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Poster: Stop the Spread of Germs (available in [English](#) and [Spanish](#))

#### **Fact Sheet for Higher Risk Populations**

#### **Jefferson County Public Health**

#### **Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment**

#### **Centers for Disease Control and Prevention**

#### **World Health Organization**

### HELPFUL STEPS YOUR FACILITY CAN TAKE DURING AN OUTBREAK

- Encourage your staff and community members to protect their personal health.
- Be familiar with and post the signs and symptoms of COVID-19 (fever, cough and shortness of breath) in your facility.
- Send home or separate anyone who becomes sick.
- Clean surfaces that are frequently touched.
- Limit events and meetings that require close contact.
- Stay up-to-date on developments in your community by keeping in contact with your local public health department.
- Put your infectious disease outbreak plan into action.

For more information:  
[www.jeffco.us/coronavirus](http://www.jeffco.us/coronavirus)