



SAFER-AT-HOME

Guidance for Childcare Facilities

Childcare facilities can now open with strict precautions. The following guidance has been prepared to help childcare facilities safely transition to the Safer-at-Home level of our community's COVID-19 response. We greatly appreciate your partnership as we work together to keep our community healthy and safe.

PROTECTING WORKSPACES

- Prioritize care for children of essential workers, parents returning to work and job seekers.
- Keep group size per room under 10 children.
- Keep groups of children together with the same staff when possible.
- Conduct [daily temperature checks and monitor symptoms](#) in employees and students and any person entering the building. Refer symptomatic employees to the [CDPHE Symptom Tracker](#).
- Require handwashing upon arrival and enable handwashing throughout the day.
- Limit the number of child-staff and child-child interaction in common spaces (e.g., playground equipment, hallways, etc.)
- Encourage six-foot distancing and implement distancing systems while learning.
- Stagger meal times (if normally done in a large group) and encourage individual meals (no family-style dining).
- Sanitize all high-touch areas at the start and end of the day and, when possible, throughout the day.
- Limit the toys in use to those that are easily cleanable, non-porous, with smooth surfaces and eliminate soft, fabric toys, dress-up clothing, sensory tables and water play.
- Establish a clear plan/protocol to isolate staff and children who have symptoms.
- Determine a plan for substitute staff members to cover for ill or quarantined staff.

PROTECTING EMPLOYEES

- Require use of face coverings or masks (preferred medical grade if available, otherwise cloth).
- Provide guidance and encouragement on maintaining six-foot distancing.
- Provide guidance and encouragement on frequent handwashing.
- Provide training to all staff specific to all issues in the public health order.
- Require staff to stay home when showing any symptoms or signs of sickness.
- Provide all staff with support and referrals for their mental health needs.

PROTECTING CHILDREN & PARENTS

- Implement curbside pick-up and drop-off only.
- Implement alternative child check-in and check-out procedures that minimize parent touching of shared items (pens, paper, etc.).
- Require parents to keep children home when showing any symptoms or signs of sickness.
- Encourage parents to take their children's temperature prior to bringing them to child care.
- Provide non-medical face coverings or masks for children age 3+ per current CDPHE guidance — no face coverings or masks for children 0-3.
- Remove face coverings or masks from children during naps and place nap mats six feet apart.
- Provide frequent communication with all families of enrolled children specific to all issues in the public health order.



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RESOURCES FOR BUSINESSES FROM JEFFERSON COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH

- [Stop the Spread of Germs Poster \(English\)](#)
- [Stop the Spread of Germs Poster \(Español\)](#)
- [Three Simple Steps for Cleaning & Disinfecting Signage](#)
- [How to Safely Use a Face Covering Poster](#)
- [Caring for Your Mental Health During COVID-19 \(English\)](#)
- [Caring for Your Mental Health During COVID-19 \(Español\)](#)
- [Signage for Business Storefronts/Entrance](#)

For additional information about COVID-19, visit www.jeffco.us/safer-at-home, or CDPHE's website at covid19.colorado.gov/safer-at-home.

Do you pledge to follow public health guidelines to protect your worksite, employees and customers from COVID-19? Let the community know by displaying this decal at your location, on your website or on social media!

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