

SAFETY GUIDELINES

How Child Care Centers Can Protect Against COVID-19

Only allow entry into the facility to select people including operations staff, law enforcement officers, HHSC Child Care Licensing staff, Department of Family and Protective Services staff, and enrolled children and parents.

- Require pick up and drop off of children outside of the operation, unless you determine there is a legitimate need for the parent to enter.

Do NOT allow a person to enter the center if they:

- Have a temperature of 99.6°F or above (screen individuals upon entry)
- Exhibit signs or symptoms of respiratory infection or illness; signs include fever, cough, shortness of breath, or sore throat
- Have been in contact with someone who tested positive for COVID-19, or traveled domestically or internationally in the past 14 days

If a child or staff member becomes ill:

- Call 9-1-1 for medical emergencies including chest pain, seizure, difficulty breathing, etc
- If a staff member develops signs of illness such as fever, cough, vomiting or diarrhea, send them home immediately and clean and disinfect all area surfaces
- If a child develops signs of illness such as fever, cough, vomiting or diarrhea, separate him/her from other children until a parent or guardian can pick them up; clean and disinfect all area surfaces immediately

How to maintain a safe environment at the center

- ✓ **Wear face coverings as required by City and County order**
- ✓ **Frequently clean and disinfect all surfaces including tables, chairs, door handles, counter tops and desks**
- ✓ **Check the CDC website for guidance for child care programs and the local Austin-Travis County COVID-19 website for local guidance**

Have questions about suspected cases of COVID-19?

Child care center directors can call the Austin Public Health Nurse Line at 512-975-5560

