

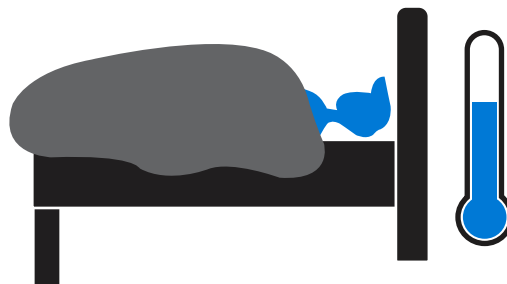
Childcare and Summer Camp Guidance for Parents/Guardians during COVID-19

Austin Public Health (APH) has the following recommendations for parents and guardians to reduce the spread of COVID-19 and help keep childcare staff, children, and families safe.

Before going into a childcare center, screen yourself and your child for symptoms such as fever, cough, headache, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, sore throat, loss of smell or taste, diarrhea, chills, or muscle pain.



Children who are sick should stay home.



Follow the drop-off procedures provided by your childcare provider.

Parents and guardians should wear face covers and maintain 6 feet of space from others during drop off and pick up.



Recommendations for parents and guardians:

- Children 6+ years old should wear covers. Children under 2 years old should **not** wear face covers.
- Children should wash their hands before leaving home, during their time at a childcare program, and once they get home.
- Think carefully about how you prepare your child's lunch or drinks for the day. Consider disinfecting all reusable items every evening or before leaving for the day.
- Avoid bringing toys that cannot be cleaned daily.



- Wash or sanitize hands after dropping off your child.
- If you have children with disabilities, talk to your childcare provider to learn about how your children can continue to receive the support they need.
- Be aware of the risk to individuals 65 years of age or older from a child carrying COVID-19 but show no signs of the virus.

