

Cuyahoga County Child Care Programs



**Connected During
The COVID-19
Pandemic**

**Cuyahoga County
Family Child Care
Licensing**

216-987-8488

Child Care
Licensing visits will resume on July 1, 2020. All Staff will take extra safety precautions prior to entering family child care homes to conduct licensing visits and will be equipped with PPE

<https://jfs.ohio.gov/cdc/CoronavirusAndChildcareForFamilies/>

<https://cjfs.cuyahogacounty.us/en-US/Child-Care-Providers.aspx>

Ohio Department
of Jobs and Family
Services Child Care
Center Licensing

*COVID-19 related
questions*

*Child Care Policy
Help Desk
1-877-302-2347,
option 4*

*COVID-19
Resources or
Information
For programs*

<https://jfs.ohio.gov/cdc/CoronavirusAndChildcare/>

For families
<https://jfs.ohio.gov/cdc/CoronavirusAndChildcareForFamilies/>

City of Cleveland
Department of
Public Health
216-664-2300

**Cuyahoga County
Board of Health
216-201-2090**

The Cleveland Department of Public Health strongly suggests that all child care programs create and follow an Infection Control Plan. This plan should include following all recommendations from the Center for Disease Control.

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/checklist.html>

<https://www.coronavirus.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/covid-19/checklists/english-checklists/pandemic-child-care-covid-19-checklist>

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COVID-19 Diagnosis
Procedures**

**Starting Point
Child Care
Resource and
Referral Agency
216-575-0061**

Technical assistance and support to child care program seeking to reopen as Transitional Pandemic Child Care; Care for children under pandemic circumstances; Understand Transitional Pandemic Child Care state regulations and best practices; Financial resources, staffing, and obtaining PPE supplies and other essential materials.

Technical assistance provided via virtual means and training provided via Starting Point's newly developed virtual professional development opportunities.

Contact Information:

FCCH Providers
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Center-based programs
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**Child and Adult
Care Food
Programs**

**Early Childhood
Options
216-464-5300
ext. 303**

**Children's Hunger
Alliance
800-227-6446**

Food Sponsors are currently following the federal guidelines and waivers required by the Ohio Dept. of Education. The link below provides additional pandemic information

[AppData/Local/Packages/Microsoft.MicrosofEdge_8wekyb3d8bbwe/TempState/Downloads/Child-Nutrition---School-Breakfast-and-Lunch%20\(1\).pdf](#)

**Invest In Children
216-443-6583**

Resources for families:
<https://cuyahogakids.org/resource/s/>
Early Childhood Mental Health Program [ECMH Landing Page](#),
Social media [Twitter feed](#)
Invest In Children's work during the pandemic includes supporting providers and lead agencies in adapting their Invest In Children funded programs to new delivery models necessitated by the pandemic. This [blog post](#) summarizes of some of that work.

COVID-19 Diagnosis in a Child Care

Setting - When the Local Health Department (Cleveland Department of Public Health) is notified of a confirmed COVID-19 diagnosis of a resident of the City of Cleveland, they call that individual to commence the disease investigation and begin to establish timelines of symptom onset and identify close contacts of the Index Case (the person diagnosed). A number of questions will be asked to determine where the Index Case has been and who they have been in prolonged contact with while symptomatic. The

Index Case will be issued Isolation Orders, ordering them to stay home and in isolation so as to not infect others for approximately 14 days.

If the Index Case is a worker, staff member or childcare provider, they will be issued a Work Release Letter which is sent to the employer indicating why they must not come to work until such time as they are released from isolation. If the Index Case was at work while symptomatic, the employer will be contacted by the Health Department as part of the investigation. They will also provide guidance for the workplace

(childcare center/home).

Close contacts of the Index Case, upon interview and determination of risk of infection, may be issued Quarantine Orders, requiring them to stay home for 14 days. They too may be issued Work Release Letters.

The Health Department Issues Release from Isolation, Release from Quarantine and Return to Work Letters after the individuals have satisfied the CDC recommended time strategy, 'time since illness onset and time since recovery' for discontinuation from isolation. For Index Cases, the CDC recommends that isolation be maintained for at least 10 days after

illness onset and at least 3 days (72 hours) after recovery.

From the Director of the Cleveland Department of Public Health

While sectors of the state are opening, please keep practicing all health and safety precautions and stay diligent. Here's what you can do to continue to keep yourself, your loved ones, and fellow Ohioans healthy and safe:

Stay home; cover your face (mouth and nose with a face mask) when around others; wash hands frequently with soap and water; keep a safe distance (6 feet) from others.

If you develop a fever and have a dry cough or are experiencing shortness of breath, please call

your doctor immediately. If you feel you need to go to the Emergency Room, call first BEFORE you visit an emergency department or doctor's office. Stay home if you feel sick.

Avoid close contact with people who are sick.

Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If hand washing facilities are unavailable, use a hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol.

Don't touch your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.

Don't shake hands or hug when you greet someone.

Cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue or your sleeve on the inside of your elbow.

Clean and disinfect frequently touched

surfaces and objects such as doorknobs, light switches, tables, countertops, chairs, phones, remotes, keyboards, and touchscreen electronic devices.

Cloth face coverings are recommended if you must go out in public in order to protect others should you have COVID-19 but not have any symptoms or be otherwise unaware of whether you are infected.



Stay Safe

Safe Covered

Stay Distant