



## CDC Releases Updated Guidance for Child Care Providers

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) released a resource for child care providers, [Guidance for Operating Child Care Programs during COVID-19](#). CDC is also releasing new [Toolkits for Child Care Programs](#). These resources provide information to help child care professionals protect children, their families, and staff members; slow the spread of the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic; and keep children healthy. The *Guidance for Operating Child Care Programs during COVID-19* resource includes the following information:

- Recommendations for the consistent implementation of a combination of strategies to reduce the spread of COVID-19 in child care programs, including [staying home when sick](#), [wearing a mask](#) that covers the mouth and nose, practicing [physical distancing](#), avoiding poorly ventilated indoor spaces, frequently [washing your hands](#), [cohorting](#), and regularly and consistently [cleaning and disinfecting](#) facilities
- Updated language regarding vaccinations for child care staff
- Additional guidance on recognizing the signs and symptoms of COVID-19 in children
- Updated considerations to support children with [special health care needs](#) and [disabilities](#) and people at higher risk of severe illness from COVID-19
- Updated guidance on food service and the use of outdoor playgrounds and play spaces.

These CDC resources update the existing guidance and align with [CDC's Operational Strategy for K–12 Schools through Phased Mitigation](#). The guidance and toolkits are intended for all types of child care programs, including child care centers, family child care homes, and other child care programs.



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