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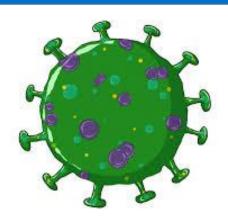




# Important COVID-19 Resource for Child Care

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has posted a Supplemental Guide for Child Care. Written in collaboration with the Offices of Child Care and Head Start for a variety of child care settings, this resource provides guidance specific to child care on issues such as:

- Social distancing;
- Child pick up and drop off procedures;
- Cleaning and disinfecting of toys and bedding;
- Safely caring for infants and toddlers; and
- · Food preparation and meal service



In addition, the Guidance document provides numerous links to resources that provide even greater detail, including information regarding children's risks concerning the coronavirus (COVID-19).

<u>Click here</u> for the Supplemental Guide for Child Care.



### **Helping Children Cope During COVID-19**

Children react, in part, on what they see from the adults around them. When parents and caregivers deal with the COVID-19 calmly and confidently, they can provide the best support for their children. The CDC lists the warning signs of stress in children as well as ways to support them during this difficult time.

To access the lists and helpful resource click here.

### **Be Well Care Well**

Be Well Care Well has launched two social media options for providers where helpful information can be found – from helping to cook at home to ways to manage stress, and much more. For Instagram click here. For Facebook click here.



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## COVID-19

### How is it spread?



Through the air by coughing and sneezing



Close personal contact, such as touching or shaking hands



Touching an object or surface with the virus on it, then touching your mouth, nose, or eyes

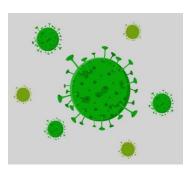


If you have recently traveled to an area that has COVID-19 transmission and are experiencing symptoms such as fever, coughing or shortness of breath, call ahead to your health care provider before seeking medical care.

#### **COVID-19 Child Care Recommendations**

DSS recommends child care facilities implement the following steps to help yourselves, your staff, and the children in your care stay healthy.

- 1. Make sure children, staff, and visitors are washing hands as directed by DHEC.
- 2. Clean and disinfect all surfaces within the facility regularly.
- 3. Practice social distancing when possible.
- 4. Consider changing your sign in procedures for parents and other visitors (e.g., move handoffs closer to the front door to minimize parents coming into the classroom space and avoid possible exposure to children and caregivers).
- 5. Limit visitors to the facility.
- 6. Limit communal sharing of food, and donations where possible.
- 7. Direct staff to stay home when they are sick, and direct parents to keep their children home when they exhibit symptoms of illness.
- 8. Establish procedures to ensure children and staff who become sick at daycare or arrive at your facility sick are sent home as soon as possible. Keep sick children and staff separate from well children and staff until they can leave.



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### **Expanding Child Care Capacity**

The Governor has declared a State of Emergency for the COVID-19 emergency, and emergency plans for child care licensing are in effect. If you are a licensed child care center and can expand your capacity to serve the children of essential state and local services personnel and other children displaced by closures, please contact Child Care Licensing at 1-888-825-7174 or

<u>childcare.disaster.response@dss.sc.gov</u> as soon as possible.



If your organization has the ability to set up a temporary child care site, please contact Child Care Licensing at 1-888-825-7174 or <a href="mailto:childcare.disaster.response@dss.sc.gov">childcare.disaster.response@dss.sc.gov</a>. You may be allowed to operate without a license for a maximum of 30 days in accordance with state law (63-13-440). Child Care Licensing must grant approval for temporary child care arrangements.

If you have general questions about COVID-19, the DHEC Care Line is here to help at 1-855-472-3432 on weekdays from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. For the most up to date information about the Coronavirus, visit DHEC's website at <a href="mailto:scdhec.gov/COVID19">scdhec.gov/COVID19</a>.

For more information please visit: <a href="https://scchildcare.org/news-and-announcements/covid-19-announcements.aspx">https://scchildcare.org/news-and-announcements/covid-19-announcements.aspx</a>

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DSS Regulation 114-507C(2) states that furniture, toys, and recreational equipment shall meet the standards of the US Consumer Products Safety Commission (CPSC),

if applicable, and that recalled products shall not be accessible to children. For more information, call CPSC's hotline at **800-638-2772** or visit their website: **www.cpsc.gov**. To report a dangerous product or related injury, go to http://saferproducts.gov.



- Joules USA Children's Pajamas and Robes due to violation of federal flammability standard.
- Homestar Dressers due to tip-over and entrapments hazards.
- Boyer Six Brands of Sodium and Potassium Hydroxide due to failure to meet child-resistant packaging requirement.
- SeeNext Venture NumbSkin Pain Relief Cream due to failure to meet childresistant packaging requirement.
- Novartis 100 mg Sandimmune and Neoral Prescription Drug Blister Packages due to failure to meet child-resistant packaging requirement.
- **Earthroma Wintergreen Essential Oil** due to failure to meet child-resistant packaging requirement.
- **Earth Sonnets Wintergreen Essential Oil** due to failure to meet child-resistant packaging requirement.
- **Belle Chemical Sodium Hydroxide and Potassium Hydroxide Products** due to failure to meet child-resistant packaging requirement.
- Kids & Koalas Baby Walkers due to fall and entrapment hazards.
- Kidz Concepts Lilly of New York Children's Winter Boots due to violation of federal lead content ban.
- Thule Thule Sleek Car Seat Adapters due to fall hazard caused by defective plastic brackets.
- Plant Therapy Wintergreen Essential Oils and Essential Oil Blends with Wintergreen due to failure to meet child-resistant packaging requirement.
- Manhattan Toy Musical Lili Llama due to choking hazard caused by loose screws.