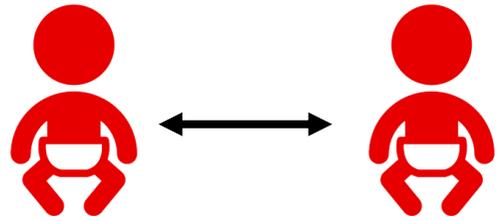


COVID-19 101:

Child Care Social Distancing Practices



Social Distancing Strategies

- When possible, child care classes should include the same group of children and staff each day.
- Keep each group of children in a separate room.
- Stagger playground times and keep groups separate for art, music and exercise to maintain social distance
- Cancel or postpone special events such as festivals, holiday events, and special performances.
- Keep children's naptime mats (or cribs) spaced out as much as possible (at least 6 feet apart).
- Place children head to toe in order to reduce the potential for viral spread.
- Stagger arrival and drop-off times.
- Create a separate classroom for the children of healthcare workers and other first responders or serve only children of health care workers and first responders, if possible.
- Arrange for administrative staff to telework from home if possible.

Parent Drop-Off and Pick-Up

- Set up hand hygiene stations at the entrance of the facility and have children wash their hands before they enter.
- If there is no sink with soap and water, provide hand sanitizer (60% ethanol and 70% isopropyl alcohol) next to parent sign-in sheets.
- Keep hand sanitizer out of children's reach and supervise use.
- To maintain social distancing, limit parent contact:
 - Have child care providers greet children outside as they arrive.
 - Have a volunteer walk all children to their classroom, and at the end of the day, walk all children back to their cars.
 - Infants can be transported in their car seats. Store car seat out of children's reach.
- The same parent or designated person should drop off and pick up every day.
- No one with a fever or other signs of illness should be admitted to the facility.
- Facilities should follow all other local regulations including those related to safe preparation of food.