COVID-19 GUIDANCE: CHILDCARE

IMPORTANT CONSIDERATIONS

According to the CDC, children do not seem to be at higher risk for getting COVID-19. People at an increased risk for severe illness from COVID-19 include older adults and people who have chronic medical conditions like heart disease, diabetes and lung diseases. There is currently no vaccine to protect against COVID-19. The best way to prevent COVID-19 infection is to limit exposure.

Clean + disinfect frequently touched surfaces multiple times a day (e.g., doorknobs, light switches, countertops).

Monitor + encourage healthy behaviors.
• Staying home when sick.
• Handwashing.
• Covering cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throwing the tissue in the trash.

Ensure hand hygiene supplies are readily available.

Implement social distancing measures.
• Alter schedules to reduce mixing (e.g., stagger recess, entry + dismissal times).
• Limit interaction among children.

Establish procedures to ensure children + staff who become sick at childcare or arrive sick are sent home as soon as possible.

Consider regular health checks for temperature and respiratory symptoms in children, staff + visitors.

Monitor + plan for absenteeism. If you notice two or more cases of similar illness, linked in person, place or time, alert local health officials.

Make yourself available to listen + talk.
Children react to both what you say + how you say it. Give children information that is truthful and appropriate for the age and developmental level of the child.

For more information: dph.georgia.gov/novelcoronavirus