

# OVERVIEW OF GUIDANCE CHANGES



## I. Drop-Off and Pick-Up

### Old Guidance:

- Allows parents to stay outside.
- Wash hands when go inside.

### August 14, Current Guidelines:

- Parents must stay outside, except in RF and CF when only one staff member is present, allows parents to enter home one family at a time.
- Parents must wear face coverings.
- Handwashing outside, or immediately inside entrance acceptable.

## 2. Daily Health Check

### Old Guidance:

- Staff ask if have fever, COVID-19 symptoms, or virus exposure.

### August 14, Current Guidelines:

- Staff take temperatures of anyone entering the facility.
- Exception allows staff to self-attest for daily health check.
- Additional symptoms to check.

## 3. Recordkeeping

### Old Guidance:

- Daily log of names, in and out times, hours in care, health check results.

### August 14, Current Guidelines:

- Don't need to log total hours in care.
- Health check note only includes pass or fail, not specific results.

## 4. Family Engagement

### Key Elements (New Section):

- Inform families of the requirements of operating during COVID-19, how programs are operating differently during this time, and any program policies specific to COVID-19.
- Communicate requirements that families must follow, including drop-off and pick-up procedures.
- Ensure any information related to the facility and COVID-19 is provided in a manner families can understand.
- Allow parents to enter facility if they have a health and safety concern.
- Allow site visits for families seeking enrollment, when children are not present.

## 5. Group Size and Stable Groups

### Old Guidance:

- All provider types, maximum stable group size on site of 10; can have additional "team members" in stable group to accommodate part time care.

August 14, Current Guidelines:

In baseline counties, stable group sizes are the same as old guidance. In Phase 1 or 2 counties, stable groups sizes:

- RF, maximum stable group size is 10
- CF, maximum stable group size is 16
- CC, maximum stable group size is 20
- Additional “team” members in stable group allowed in RF and CF
- Maximum number of 250 children per facility.

## **6. Personal Protective Equipment for Children and Adults**

Old Guidance:

- Staff must wear face coverings when doing health checks and if mixing with more than one stable group of kids.
- Face coverings optional for other staff and for kids (prohibited under age 2).

August 14, Current Guidelines:

- All staff must wear face coverings indoors. Exception for providers who have a medical condition or disability documented with a doctor’s order. In RF and CF home, requirement is only in child care areas of the home, during child care hours.
- Children Kindergarten and up must wear face covering indoors. Exception for children with health condition or disability.
- Requires use of face coverings outdoors only when physical distancing cannot be maintained.
- Staff wear clean outer layers for health checks and infant feeding.

## **7. Daily Activities**

Old Guidance:

- Cancel field trips.

August 14, Current Guidelines:

- Field trips to outdoors allowed.
- Sleeping area between children 36” (per Oregon Health Authority).

## **8. Handwashing and General Hygiene**

Old Guidance:

- Hand sanitizer allowed, except for food and diapering activity.

August 14, Current Guidelines:

- Hand sanitizer also not allowed when dispensing medication or assisting with toileting.

## **9. Food and Nutrition**

August 14, Current Guidelines:

- Allows breastfeeding parents, and those whose children have special feeding needs, to enter facility for feeding.
- Staff may serve from communal dishes.

## 10. Cleaning and Building Maintenance

### Old Guidance:

- Separate document with requirements; cleaning schedule a recommendation.

### August 14, Current Guidelines:

- Content contained in new guidance document; largely the same.
- Cleaning schedule now required.

## 11. Responding to Possible and Confirmed Cases of COVID-19

### Old Guidance:

- Exclusion for symptoms lasts 10 days and 72 hours symptom-free.
- Quarantine for exposure to COVID-19 case lasts 14 days.
- Report to local public health authority only.

### August 14, Current Guidelines:

- Exclusion for symptoms lasts 10 days and 24 hours symptom-free.
- New symptoms, lesser exclusion time.
- Adds definition of exposure to COVID-19 (aligns with K-12 guidance).
- Also report any cases to Office of Child Care.

## 12. Transportation

### Key Elements (New Section):

- Create a transportation plan that meets health and safety requirements, and share with staff and families.
- Stable transportation groups, which can be different from child care stable group.

## 13. Professional Development

### Key Elements (New Section):

- Ensure staff have resources necessary to access online or remote training.
- All staff must review the new guidelines right away.
- Allows online CPR training for recertification through July 2021.

## 14. COVID-19 Health and Safety Plan

### Key Elements (New Section):

- Create a COVID-19 Health and Safety Plan that includes focus on training and communication with staff and families. ELD will issue a template.
- Ensure any information related to the facility's COVID-19 Health and Safety Plan is provided in a manner the staff and families can understand.
- Clarifies that COVID-19 Health and Safety Plan is in addition to emergency preparedness and other plans required in licensing.

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