



Oregon

Kate Brown, Governor

Early Learning Division



May 18, 2021

Dear Provider,

Today, the Early Learning Division (ELD) released a [new 2.0 version of the “Health and Safety Guidelines for Child Care and Early Education Operating During COVID-19.”](#) The updated guidelines take effect **June 1, 2021**; however, providers may choose to implement the changes immediately.

The updates were developed in partnership with the Oregon Health Authority and with input from providers to address our evolving understanding of COVID-19 and its impact on child care. We continue to operate under Emergency Child Care (ECC), and the Governor’s Executive Order for ECC operations remains in effect until lifted. Licensed child care providers must still apply and be approved to operate as an ECC Facility. Some of the key changes are highlighted below:

- Drop-off and pick-up is allowed to occur at the entrance of the classroom or child care space, provided specific requirements are met.
- Re-establishing the 14 day quarantine period for unvaccinated individuals who were exposed to a positive or presumptive COVID-19 case.
- Relaxing of the quarantine requirement for staff members who have received all required doses of the COVID-19 vaccine and two weeks have passed since their final dose. Please also review [“COVID-19 Vaccine Resources for Child Care Providers.”](#)
- Per Oregon Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) regulations, facilities that employ staff may not exercise exemptions (including medical exemptions) to the requirement for wearing a face covering.
- Week-to-week enrollment is allowed for programs through the summer months until the 2021 school year begins. Stable groups may not change more often than weekly.
- Contracted services or other special programs, such as gymnastics or music, are permitted.
- An Aide II staff is permitted to have increased supervisory responsibilities in order to provide greater staffing flexibility.
- Gyms, cafeterias, and other large spaces can be divided into two groups if there is sufficient square footage and a barrier in place approved by the licensing specialist. The cap of 45 children has been removed.

- Sand trays, outdoor sandboxes, and sensory tables are allowed, along with water tables (proper cleaning is required).

ELD invites you to attend a webinar to review the 2.0 updates on the dates listed below. **You must register to attend these webinars.** After registering, you will receive a confirmation email with information about joining the webinar.

Registered Family (RF) and Certified Family (CF) Providers: May 26, 2021 | 6 to 7 p.m.

Register: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/9128486796876515851>

Certified Center (CC) and Recorded Program Providers: May 27, 2021 | 6 to 7 p.m.

Register: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/7960682302876105995>

Spanish-speaking Providers: Jun 5, 2021 | 9 to 10 a.m.

Register: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/9073589280791625231>

You can also find updated Frequently Asked Questions posted to the [COVID-19 “For Providers” webpage](#). If you have other questions, please contact your licensing specialist or email us at ProviderContact@state.or.us.

We appreciate your continued efforts to support families and children in Oregon.

Thank you,

The Early Learning Division