

REOPENING QUICK REFERENCE SHEET Child Care Industry

To help businesses reopen, Lassen County is releasing these helpful quick reference sheets. Additional reference materials are being included that you may find helpful. Lassen County appreciates your help during this transitional time.

## **Check Employees/Children**

Ask employees/children if:

- They have a cough
- They have a fever
- They have shortness of breath.

Check employee/children's temperature with a thermometer. If their temperature is above 100.8° F, send employee/ child home and do not have them return to work/ child care until they are symptom free.

Sick staff and children must stay home.

Have a place for isolation if a child becomes sick while at child care.

Encourage frequent hand washing for a minimum of 20 seconds. To view a video on proper hand washing technique visit Lassencares.org FAQ page.

Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth.

If establishment is utilizing masks, please follow proper mask application technique. To view a short video on proper mask applications, visit Lassencares.org FAQ page.

## **Clean & Disinfect**

Follow state licensing guidelines

Train employees on protective cleaning and disinfecting procedures.

Use EPA registered disinfectants.

Prepare sanitizers following the manufacturer's directions.

Make sure that toys, and all surfaces are cleaned and sanitized frequently throughout the day.

Toys that cannot be cleaned and sanitized should not be used.

Plan ahead to ensure adequate supplies to support hand hygiene behaviors and routine cleaning of objects and surfaces.

## Social Distancing Strategies

Consider staggering arrival and drop off times and/or have child care providers come outside the facility to pick up the children as they arrive.

Consider adding signage on the ground to remind caregivers of 6 feet distancing.

If meals are typically served familystyle, plate each child's meal to serve it so that multiple children are not using the same serving utensils.

If possible limit the mixing of children, such as staggering playground times and keeping groups separate for special activities.

Cancel or postpone special events, gatherings or performances.

## Drop off & Pick-up

-Establish designated pick-up zones for parents/ family members.

- -Practice social distancing when signing in/out children.
- Have hand hygiene stations set up for parents and children when they enter and exit the childcare facility.

-Ideally the same caregiver should drop off/pick up child every day.

 If possible consider having the childcare provider greet children outside.
\*If your facility has difficulty in obtaining cleaning supplies/gloves, please contact your local Child Care Resource and Referral (CCR&R) agency to learn more about service organizations in your community who may have additional resources.

Child & Family Resources 530-257-9781 or Lassen HEARTS 530-251-2461

https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schoolschildcare/guidance-for-childcare.html