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There is much to learn about the causes of the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19). Based on what is currently known about the virus, spread from person-to-person happens most frequently among close contacts (within about 6 feet). This type of transmission occurs via respiratory droplets. Transmission of novel coronavirus to persons from surfaces contaminated with the virus has not been documented. Transmission of coronavirus in general occurs much more commonly through respiratory droplets than through fomites. Current evidence suggests that novel coronavirus may remain viable for hours to days on surfaces made from a variety of materials. Cleaning of visibly dirty surfaces followed by disinfection is a best practice measure for prevention of COVID-19 and other viral respiratory illnesses in community settings ([National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases \(NCIRD\), Division of Viral Diseases](#) , March 6, 2020.)

Based on available evidence, children do not appear to be at higher risk for COVID-19 than adults. While some children and infants have been sick with COVID-19, adults make up most of the known cases to date. You can learn more about who is most at risk for health problems if they have COVID-19 infection on CDC's current Risk Assessment page ([National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases \(NCIRD\), Division of Viral Diseases](#), March 12, 2020.)

At Mom's House, we recognize the importance of keeping our children and families safe and healthy. We have taken all necessary measures to ensure our center is sanitized and disinfected in accordance with the standards of the CDC and the PA Dept. of Human Services.

We plan to remain open for business. We will monitor the situation on a daily basis. If there is a mandate from the PA Dept of Health and Human Services or if we feel the need to close, you will be notified immediately. Please line up alternative child care in the event that we close.

If you suspect your child may have contacted COVID-19, please follow the recommendation of the CDC and/or the PA Dept. of Health and Human Services. A written excuse from your Physician will be required to readmit your child.

If you have questions regarding COVID-19, please visit <https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/disease/Pages/Coronavirus.aspx>.

If you have questions regarding Mom's House and/or our policies and procedures for inclusion/suspension/exclusion, please refer to your Parent Handbook or ask a staff member for information.

Thank you for your attention to this very serious matter. Wash your hands!!!

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