

Child Care Facilities

The goal and focus for the child care industry is to ensure that working parents have a safe and healthy place for their children to go while they are at work. By protecting the safety and well-being of the children and families we serve, we protect the safety and well being of the Ohio workforce.

Social Distancing

Ratio/Class Size

AGE GROUP	RATIO	MAXIMUM GROUP SIZE
Infants	1:5 or 2:12 in same room (birth to less than 12 months)	12
	1:6 (at least 12 months and less than 18 months)	12
Toddlers	1:7 (at least 18 months and less than 2 1/2 years)	14
	1:8 (at least 2 1/2 years and less than 3 years)	16
Preschool	1:12 (at least 3 years and less than 4 years)	24
	1:14 (at least 4 years and not enrolled in or eligible to be in Kindergarten)	28
School-Age	1:18 (enrolled in or eligible to be enrolled in Kindergarten or above and less than 11 years)	36
School-Age	1:20 (at least 11 years and less than 15 years)	40

Hand Washing

Employees

All employees MUST wash their hands upon entering a classroom and prior to leaving for the day.

Children

All children MUST wash their hands upon arrival and prior to leaving for the day.

Centers and family child care homes may use non-permanent sinks to meet the requirements.



Symptom Screening

Who

Assess all administrators, employees, child care staff, and children for COVID-19 related symptoms prior to or as soon as they arrive each day.

Covid-19 Symptoms

- Temperature of at least 100 degrees Fahrenheit
- Fever or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headaches
- New loss of smell or taste
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea, vomiting or diarrhea



Exclusion

When

Immediately send home any child who has any of the symptoms listed in the rule.

Individuals sent home MUST not return until they have been symptom free for 24 hours without the use of medication.

If the individual who had the symptoms has had known contact with someone confirmed or probable to have COVID-19, they must complete isolation or quarantine procedures for COVID-19 in coordination with Marion Public Health.

Face Coverings

Face coverings are required for employees and all children in 3rd grade or above. Face coverings should cover both the mouth and nose to maximize effectiveness. Face shields that wrap around the face and extend below the chin can be considered as an alternative where cloth face coverings would hinder the learning process.

