



Child Care Resource & Referral (R&R) Program

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- Your audio will be muted.
- If you are experiencing technical difficulties while viewing the webinar, please submit a question in the Q&A.



Welcome

- We will hold webinars on most Tuesday nights to provide information and answer questions.
- **Today, we will be presenting on the current applicable guidance following the end of the county's Mandatory Directive for Programs Serving Children or Youth.**
- Please write questions you have on any topic into the Q&A. Questions that we are unable to answer today we will answer in next week's webinar.



COVID Vaccination for ECE Staff



MAKE AN APPOINTMENT

- County of Santa Clara COVID-19 Information Page www.sccfreevax.org
- Call the appointment line at (408) 970-2000, 7 days a week

IF YOU NEED HELP MAKING AN APPOINTMENT

- Call the Healthier Kids Foundation Support Line at 1-833-560-0560
- The phone line is open Monday - Friday 8 AM - 5 PM
- Help is offered in English, Spanish, and Vietnamese

THINGS TO KNOW

- At your appointment, you will be asked to sign a form stating the kind of work you do
- Bring photo ID with name and address, OR be current or expired AND document(s) showing that you live or work in Santa Clara County

Non-Santa Clara County residents who provide childcare in Santa Clara County are eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccine.

All People Who Provide Childcare in Santa Clara County Can Now Get the COVID-19 Vaccine



NOW ELIGIBLE

- Childcare providers, educators, and staff working or living in Santa Clara County (Family Child Care Home providers, parks & recreation preschool programs, library programs for children)
- Family, friends, and neighbors providing childcare in their homes in Santa Clara County

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Workers in formal and informal childcare became eligible for COVID19 vaccination on February 28th.

You can find information on vaccination and how to make appointments at www.sccfreevax.org.

You can also contact your healthcare provider to schedule vaccination



Vaccination available *TOMORROW*

Register for a COVID-19 vaccination appointment tomorrow, March 3rd, between 10:00am and 3:00pm at Roots Community Health Center & School Health Clinics located at Sunrise Middle School, 1149 East Julian Street, San Jose.

YOU MUST REGISTER BY 8PM TONIGHT.

<https://na.eventscloud.com/ereg/index.php?eventid=608614&>

These appointments are only available to education and childcare workers. DO NOT SHARE THIS LINK

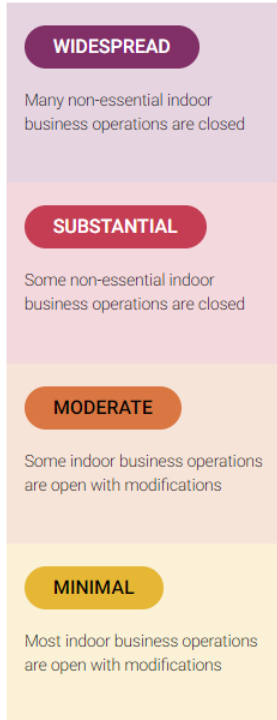


ECE Staff Vaccination Requirements

- Senate Bill No. 792 requires childcare staff and volunteers in California to show proof of vaccination against these dangerous diseases: measles, whooping cough, and flu. Proof of flu vaccination is required annually.
- Contact your Child Care Licensing Regional Office for questions on the requirement (SB 792 - <http://bit.do/regionaloffices>)
- Additional resources: www.shotsforschool.org



Current Risk Level - Purple



Santa Clara County is in the highest risk level with widespread COVID transmission

The Regional Stay-At-Home order has been lifted but all the county restrictions and guidance continue to apply.

Be prepared for cases among your staff and students and follow the guidance carefully.



Quarantine Post-Travel

Leisure and non-essential travel are strongly discouraged, and the Mandatory Directive on Travel requires people to quarantine for 10 days upon return to the County from travel of more than 150 miles.*

* Per 11/28 revisions to the County Health Officer's orders



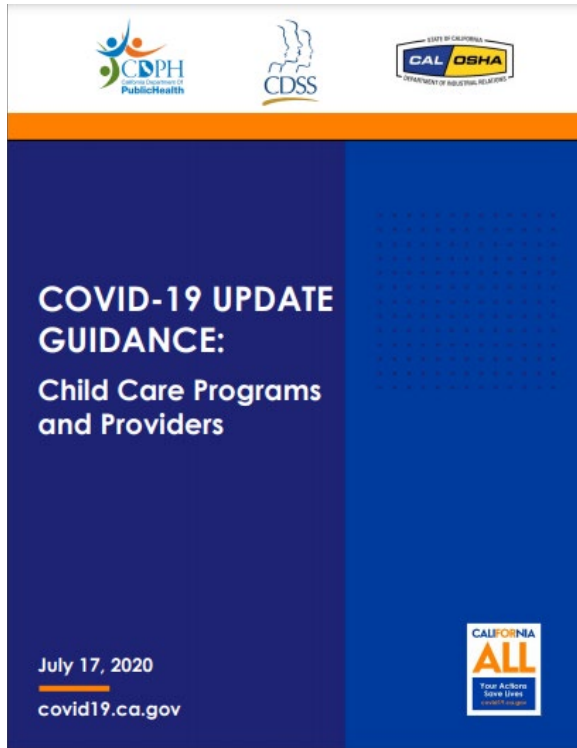
Major Change to Directives

The following changes are effective, Friday, February 26th: ...

- The County's Mandatory Directive for Programs Serving Children and Youth will no longer be in effect. These activities remain subject to all applicable State guidance (which may include the State's guidance on [Day Camps](#), [Fitness Facilities](#), [Child Care Programs and Providers](#), and/or [Cohorts](#)).



Applicable Guidance



Most program and operations guidance is covered in the COVID-19 Update Guidance: Child Care Providers and Programs

<https://files.covid19.ca.gov/pdf/guidance-childcare--en.pdf>

Cohort and face coverings guidance is covered in separate documents



Planning and Communication

- Have plans in place to protect and support staff, children, and their family members who are at higher risk for severe illness.
- Establish plans for sharing information and guidelines with parents and caregivers in their preferred language.
- Train all staff and communicate with families on enhanced sanitation practices, physical distancing guidelines, proper use, removal, and washing of face coverings, personal hygiene and screening practices and COVID-19 specific exclusion criteria.
- Implement the necessary processes and protocols when a workplace has an outbreak, in accordance with CDPH guidelines. NOTE that County reporting requirements and guidance on responding to cases continues to apply.



Cleaning

- Introduce fresh outdoor air as much as possible, for example by opening windows.
- Implement procedures to frequently clean and disinfect all high-touch surfaces.
- Designate a container for toys that need to be cleaned.
- Have multiple toys and manipulatives accessible that are easy to clean and disinfect throughout the day.
- When choosing cleaning products, use those approved for use against COVID-19 on the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)-approved list “N”.



Hygiene

- Implement and enforce strict handwashing guidelines for all staff and children.
- Use bathroom time as an opportunity to reinforce healthy habits and monitor proper handwashing.
- Teach children to avoid contact with one's eyes, nose and mouth, and use tissue to wipe their nose and to cough/sneeze inside their elbow.
- Discontinue brushing teeth during class.
- All personal items should be labeled and kept in a separate bag to ensure personal items are separate from others.
- Use bedding (sheets, pillows, blankets, sleeping bags) that can be washed. Keep each child's bedding separate.



Drop-Off and Pick-Up

- Ask parents/caregivers to meet at the facility entryway for pick-up and drop-off of children and to be as brief as possible.
- If parents/caregiver must enter, ask them to enter and exit the room one person at a time to allow for physical distancing.
- Take steps to reduce contact between children and adults, including other children's parents
- If possible, the same parent/caregiver should drop off and pick up the child every day,
- Consider staggering arrival and drop off times.
- Consider designating a staff member from each class to escort in or out of facility



Health Screening

- You must implement screening procedures for all staff and children. Ask all individuals about COVID-19 symptoms within the last 24 hours and whether anyone in their home has had COVID-19 symptoms or a positive test. Exclude anyone who has an affirmative response on any of these points.
- Document/track incidents of possible exposure and notify local health officials, staff, and families immediately of any possible case of COVID-19
- Conduct visual wellness checks of all children upon arrival and ask health questions when concerned.



Health Screening

- Take children's temperature each morning with a no-touch thermometer. If a thermometer requiring a touch-method is the only type available, it should only be used when a fever is suspected.
- Monitor staff and children throughout the day for signs of illness; send home children with a fever of 100.4 degrees or higher, cough, or other COVID-19 symptoms after isolating from the general room population and notify parents.
- Establish procedures for safely transporting anyone sick home or to a healthcare facility, as appropriate.



Physical Distancing

- Plan activities and rearrange spaces to maintain 6 feet of separation, when possible.
- Place cots, cribs, and mats 6 feet apart, with heads in opposite directions.
- Have children outside while maintaining physical distancing.
- Plan activities that do not require close physical contact
- Reduce the number of children in the same area.
- Clean and disinfect outdoor play equipment between use by different groups of children.
- Develop spacing instructions in both indoor and outdoor spaces that are developmentally appropriate and easy for children to understand.



Meal Times

- Use more tables or use name cards to ensure physical distancing of children.
- Practice proper handwashing before and after eating. Use paper goods and disposable plastic utensils when possible.
- Do not allow children or staff to share or touch each other's food.
- Immediately clean and disinfect trays and tables after meals.
- Ensure meals are provided in individual portions and are delivered by staff wearing gloves. Avoid family- or cafeteria-style meals.
- Implement outdoor meal times if space and weather allow.



Cohorts

Current cohort guidance is at

<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/small-groups-child-youth.aspx>.

- Cohorts must be limited to no more than 14 children and youth and no more than two supervising adults, or a configuration of no more than 16 individuals total (children and youth or adults) in the cohort.
- Requirements for adult to child ratios continue to apply for licensed child care programs.



Cohorts

- Prevent interactions between cohorts, including interactions between staff assigned to different cohorts.
- Assign children and youth who live together or carpool together to the same cohort, if possible.
- Avoid moving children and youth from one cohort to another, unless needed for a child's overall safety and wellness.
- Stagger playground time and other activities so that no two cohorts are in the same place at the same time.
- One-to-one specialized services can be provided to a child or youth by a support service provider that is not part of the child or youth's cohort.



Cohorts

- Supervising adults should be assigned to one cohort and must work solely with that cohort, unless serving children five years of age and younger in which case an adult may be assigned to no more than 2 cohorts.
- Avoid changing staff assignments to the extent practicable.
- Substitute providers who are covering for short-term staff absences are allowed but must only work with one cohort of children per day.



Face Coverings

The state guidance is available at

<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/guidance-for-face-coverings.aspx>

People in California must wear face coverings when they are outside of the home, unless one of the exemptions below applies ...

The list of exemptions does not include children over the age of 2, therefore children over the age of 2 in your programs are required to wear face coverings at all times.

The following individuals are exempt from wearing face coverings at all times: Persons younger than two years old. These very young children must not wear a face covering because of the risk of suffocation.



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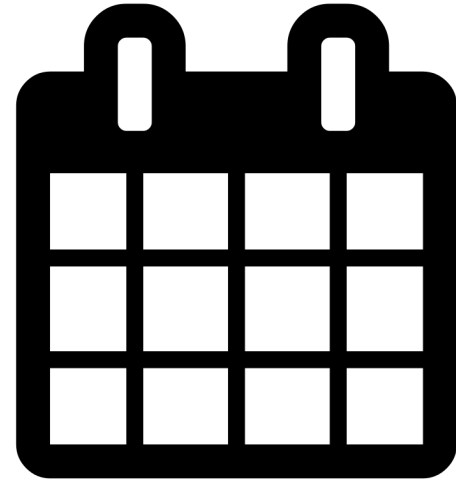


Next Meetings

March 9 from 6:00-7:00

March 23 from 6:00-7:00

April 13 from 6:00-7:00



Next Meeting

Reasons to be vaccinated



Other Important Resources

State COVID guidance: <https://covid19.ca.gov/industry-guidance/>

County COVID guidance www.sccgov.org/covid19

COVID Vaccination information: www.sccfreevax.org

Free COVID testing information: www.sccfreetest.org

Influenza vaccination information: www.sccphd.org/flu

Resource and Referral website: www.childcarescc.org



Contact Us

Santa Clara County Office of Education
Resource and Referral Department
childcarescc@sccoe.org
669-212-KIDS (5437)



Questions about COVID Guidance

Guidance from California Public Health Department

Call the COVID-19 Hotline

1-833-4CA-4ALL
(1-833-422-4255)

M-F 8am-8pm
Sa-Su 8am-5pm

Guidance from Santa Clara County Public Health Department

EOC Schools Unit

M-F 8am-8pm
(408) 808-7812

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