

## Cuyahoga County Child Care Programs



**Connected During  
The COVID-19  
Pandemic**

**Cuyahoga County  
Family Child Care  
Licensing  
216-987-8488**

Child Care  
Licensing visits will  
resume on July 1,  
2020. All Staff will  
take extra safety  
precautions prior  
to entering family  
child care homes to  
conduct licensing  
visits and will be  
equipped with PPE

[ODJFS - State  
Licensing](#)

[CDJFS - County  
Licensing](#)

*Stay Safe  
Stay Covered  
Stay Distant*

Ohio Department  
of Jobs and Family  
Services Child Care  
Center Licensing

**COVID-19 related  
questions  
Child Care Policy  
Help Desk 1-877-  
302-2347, option 4**

*COVID-19  
Resources or  
Information  
For Center  
programs click  
here: For Child  
Care  
Centers  
[Child Care Centers](#)  
For Family Child  
Care  
Homes  
[Family Child Care  
Homes](#)*

City of Cleveland  
Dept. of Public  
Health  
216-664-2300

**Cuyahoga County  
Bd. Of Health  
216-201-2090**

The Cleveland  
Department of Public  
Health strongly  
suggest that all child  
care programs create  
and follow an  
Infection Control  
Plan. This plan  
should include  
following all  
recommendations  
from the Center for  
Disease Control.

[CDC - Schools and  
Childcare](#)

[Ohio Health Dept.  
COVID-19 Childcare  
Checklist](#)

**CDC Center for  
Disease Control  
and Prevention –  
Talking to Children  
about COVID –**

[Talking with  
Children](#)

**Starting Point  
Child Care  
Resource and  
Referral Agency  
216-575-0061**

Technical assistance  
and support to child  
care program seeking  
to reopen as  
Transitional Pandemic  
Child Care; Care for  
children under  
pandemic  
circumstances;  
Understand  
Transitional Pandemic  
Child Care state  
regulations and best  
practices; Financial  
resources, staffing,  
and obtaining PPE  
supplies and other  
essential materials.  
Technical assistance  
provided via virtual  
means and training  
provided via Starting  
Point's newly  
developed virtual  
professional  
development  
opportunities.

Contact Information:

FCCH Providers  
Zeppora McClain  
at [mcclainz@starting-  
point.org](mailto:mcclainz@starting-point.org).

Center-based  
programs Karla  
Martin [martink@start-  
ing-point.org](mailto:martink@starting-point.org).

**Child and Adult  
Care Food  
Programs**

**Early Childhood  
Options  
216-464-5300 ext.  
303**

**Children's Hunger  
Alliance  
800-227-6446**

Food Sponsors are  
currently following  
the federal  
guidelines and  
waivers required  
by the Ohio Dept.  
of Education. The  
link below provides  
additional  
pandemic  
information – Click  
for more  
information

[Early Childhood  
Options](#)

[Children's Hunger  
Alliance](#)

[Child Care Food  
Programs and  
COVID-19](#)

**Invest In Children  
216-443-6583**

Resources for  
families:  
[https://cuyahoga-  
kids.org/resource  
s/](https://cuyahoga-kids.org/resource/s/)  
Early Childhood  
Mental Health  
Program [ECMH  
Landing Page](#),  
Social media  
[Twitter feed](#)  
Invest In  
Children's work  
during the  
pandemic  
includes  
supporting  
providers and  
lead agencies in  
adapting their  
Invest in Children  
funded programs  
to new delivery  
models  
necessitated by  
the  
pandemic. This  
[blog post](#)  
summarizes of  
some of that work.

**COVID-19 Diagnosis in a Child Care Setting** - When the Local Health Department (Cleveland Department of Public Health) is notified of a confirmed COVID-19 test result of a resident of the City of Cleveland, they call that individual to commence the disease investigation to establish timelines of symptom onset and identify close contacts of the Index Case (the person diagnosed). A number of questions will be asked to determine where the Index Case has been and who they have been in prolonged contact with while symptomatic. The Index Case will be issued Isolation Orders, ordering them to stay home and in isolation so as to not infect others for approximately 14 days.

If the Index Case is a worker, staff member or childcare provider, they will be issued an Employer Letter which can be sent to the employer indicating why they must not come to work until such time as they are released from isolation. If the Index Case was at work while symptomatic, the employer will be contacted by the Health Department as part of the investigation. They will also provide guidance for the workplace (childcare center/home).

Close contacts of the Index Case, upon interview and determination of risk of infection, may be issued Quarantine Orders, requiring them to stay home for 14 days. They too may be issued Employer Letters.

The Health Department issues Release from Isolation, Release from Quarantine and Return to Work Letters after the individuals have satisfied the CDC recommended time strategy, 'time since illness onset and time since recovery' for discontinuation from isolation. For Index Cases, the CDC recommends that isolation be maintained for at least 10 days after illness onset and at least 3 days (72 hours) symptom free.

### **From the Director of the Cleveland Department of Public Health**

**While sectors of the state are opening, please keep practicing all health and safety precautions and stay diligent. Here's what you can do to continue to keep yourself, your loved ones, and fellow Ohioans healthy and safe:**

Stay home unless it is absolutely necessary to leave especially if you are sick.

If you develop a fever and have a dry cough or are experiencing shortness of breath, please call your doctor immediately. If you feel you need to go to the Emergency Room, call first BEFORE you visit an emergency department or doctor's office. Stay home if you feel sick.

Avoid close contact with people who are sick. Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If hand washing facilities are unavailable, use a hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol.

Don't touch your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.

Reframe from shaking hands or hugging when you greet someone.

Cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue or your sleeve on the inside of your elbow, then wash your hands

Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces and objects such as doorknobs, light switches, tables, countertops, chairs, phones, remotes, keyboards, and touchscreen electronic devices.

Cloth face coverings are highly recommended if you must go out in public in order to protect others should you have COVID-19 but not have any symptoms or be otherwise unaware of whether you are infected.