

COVID-19 Child Care Scenarios

Planning for cases under multiple conditions

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Scenario One: No active cases in your community, including no cases within your program
Continue following child care guidance from the [CDC](#) and the South Dakota Department of Health.

Scenario Two: Active cases in your community, but no cases in your program

The South Dakota Departments of Social Services and Health recommend that childcare programs and family day care providers should continue to operate with appropriate preparedness measures (e.g., requiring staff and children who are sick to stay home; teaching and reinforcing healthy hygiene practices, intensified cleaning and disinfection efforts.) Child care programs and family day care providers can find resources from the CDC [here](#).

Scenario Three: One case in your child care program or family day care home

The Departments of Social Services and Health will work with child care directors and family day care providers to determine the level of exposure of children and staff. Considerations will involve the facility or home physical setting and the number of people exposed to the confirmed case. Recommendations may include sending children or staff from a specific classroom home, closure of a portion of the childcare facility, or if necessary a short-term closure of the facility to clean and disinfect. Please note that what may seem to be identical scenarios in two different centers may have different recommendations depending on many variables including program composition and facility lay-out.

Scenario Four: Multiple cases in your childcare program or family day care home

The Departments of Social Services and Health will work with child care directors and family day care providers to determine the level of exposure of children and staff. Considerations will involve the facility or home physical setting and the number of people exposed to the confirmed case. Recommendations may include sending children or staff from a specific classroom home, short-term closure to clean and disinfect or temporary closure of the facility to clean, disinfect, and assure adequate staffing. Please note that what may seem to be identical scenarios in two different centers may have different recommendations depending on many variables including program composition and facility lay-out.