

# COVID-19 Mitigation in Childcare & School Age Programs

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## No cases in building

Use preparedness measures

Ask staff and families to self-screen for COVID symptoms at home. Symptoms may include a fever of 100.4 F or higher, cough or shortness of breath, and a lack of taste and smell.

If sick, require staff/children to stay home.

Teach, practice, and reinforce healthy hygiene practices.

Make common sense adjustments to current practices: no supply sharing, 6-ft distancing when possible, maintain groupings of children to minimize cross-over when possible.

## Isolated cases in building

All of **GREEN**, plus:

Reassess processes looking for gaps in prevention strategies.

Deep clean and disinfect affected areas. CDC recommends waiting for 24 hours, if possible, before cleaning. Once an area is appropriately disinfected, it can be opened for use.

Allow for contact tracing. Ensure individual does not return until self-isolation is complete.

Communicate general message to families while maintaining privacy. DOH contact tracing will communicate and provide education to close contacts and to positive patient's family.

## Substantial cases in building

All of **GREEN**, **YELLOW**, plus:

Understand the level of virus spread within your building.

Assess relevant facts to determine appropriate steps:

- Degree of potential exposure within building
- Number of cases in surrounding community
- Staff and children impacted
- Ability to staff building

Revisit current South Dakota Department of Health and CDC current guidelines.

Engage state's Childcare Response Team.