



STARTING & REMAINING STRONG THROUGH COVID -19

Webinar for Child & School Age Care Administrators and Family Childcare Providers, July 28, 2020



QUESTIONS

If you have questions during this presentation, please type those in the chat box. They will be addressed at the end.

Poll Questions





PURPOSE

A cross-departmental group to include the Department of Social Services (DSS), Department of Education (DOE), Board of Regents (BOR) and South Dakota Board of Technical Education (SDBTE) was formed to work together with the Department of Health (DOH) to serve as a resource – providing information and technical assistance in order to prevent the spread of Covid-19 within the learning and care environment.



SOUTH DAKOTA RESPONSE TEAM

Purpose: To respond quickly to a childcare or school age facility regarding a positive COVID-19 case(s). The team is a multifaceted group, with members from the Departments of Social Service Services and the Department of Health, that will provide information and guidance to child and school age care administrators. The team would be activated by the Department of Social Services upon request of a child or school age care administrator.

Process: A child or school age care facility administrator may request assistance from the Childcare Response Team by contacting the Department of Social Services: Laura Nordbye – Laura.Nordbye@state.sd.us or 605.690.0948.

The response team will assemble remotely via webinar or conference call to provide technical assistance.

Resources for Child & School Age Care Administrators/Family Child Care Providers

Department of Social Services

- <https://dss.sd.gov/keyresources/recentnews.aspx>

Department of Health

- Coronavirus information: <https://doh.sd.gov/news/coronavirus.aspx>

Includes current data by county; working on data dashboards at school level

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/guidance-for-childcare.html>



Important Contact Information

- For child care related issues, call **Child Care Services at (605) 773-4766, Monday-Friday**
 - For health-related issues, call the **Department of Health Call Center at (605) 773-3048 Monday-Friday**
 - Not intended for general public use
 - Questions directed to Childcare, Schools and Universities Focus Team
- 

Care of Children and Covid-19

- **Mitigation in Child & School Age Care/Family Childcare** – Linda Ahrendt, DOH
 - Child Care Scenarios – Linda Ahrendt, DOH
 - Flow chart on handling of positive Covid-19 cases – Colleen Winter, DOH
 - What if.... – Kara McCormick, DOH
- 

COVID-19 Mitigation in Childcare & School Age Programs

Updated 7/24/20

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.

Care of Children and Covid-19

- Mitigation in Child & School Age Care/Family Childcare – Linda Ahrendt, DOH
 - **Child Care Scenarios** – Linda Ahrendt, DOH
 - Flow chart on handling of positive Covid-19 cases – Colleen Winter, DOH
 - What if.... – Kara McCormick, DOH
- 

COVID-19 Child Care Scenarios

Planning for cases under multiple conditions

Prepared by the South Dakota Department of Health - Revised July 27, 2020



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.

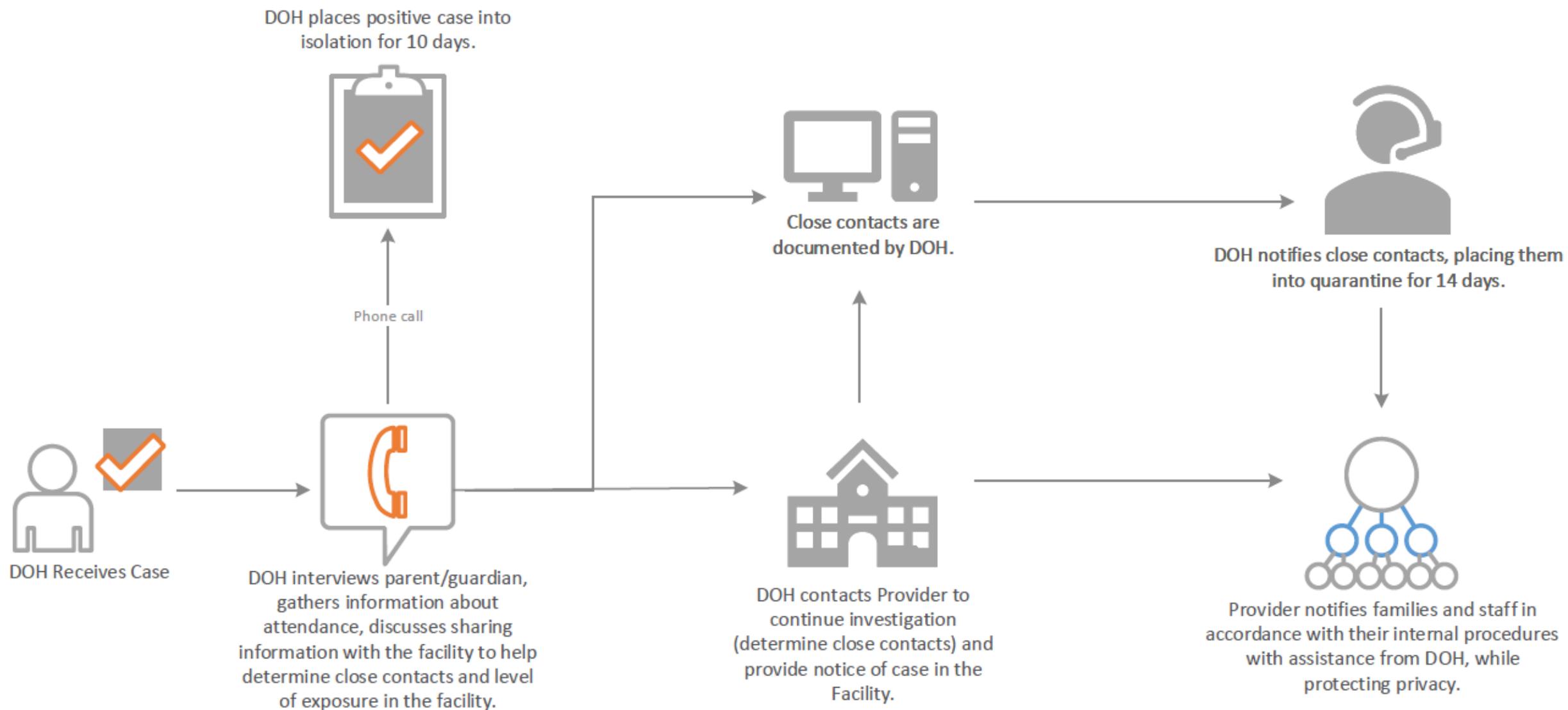
Scenario Four: Multiple cases in your childcare program or family day care home

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.

Care of Children and Covid-19

- Mitigation in Child & School Age Care/Family Childcare – Linda Ahrendt, DOH
 - Child Care Scenarios – Linda Ahrendt, DOH
 - Flow chart on handling of positive Covid-19 cases – Colleen Winter, DOH
 - What if.... – Kara McCormick, DOH
- 

Initiating a Case Investigation in a Childcare and/or Daycare



Care of Children and Covid-19

- Mitigation in Child & School Age Care/Family Childcare – Linda Ahrendt, DOH
 - Child Care Scenarios – Linda Ahrendt, DOH
 - Flow chart on handling of positive Covid-19 cases – Colleen Winter, DOH
 - What if.... – Kara McCormick, DOH
- 

What if... A Childcare Administrator's Guide

Updated 7/20/2020

What if someone in my building tests positive for COVID-19?

Deep clean and disinfect appropriate areas.

Ensure individual does not return until self-isolation is complete.

Communicate general message to families while maintaining privacy.

What if there are multiple positives in my childcare building?

Understand the level of virus spread within your childcare building.

What will happen if ...

A child or staff member is named as a close contact? (A close contact is defined as any individual who was within 6 feet of an infected person for at least 15 minutes starting from 2 days before illness onset.)

A DOH representative will contact all persons identified as close contacts (or the guardian if the contact is a minor.)

The close contact will be asked to quarantine for 14 days. This means to stay home, avoid contact with others, and not to share household items. Contacts will also be asked to monitor symptoms and temperature daily.

Assess relevant facts to determine appropriate steps:

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

A child or staff member tests positive for COVID-19.

A DOH representative will contact the positive patient (or the patient's guardian if the patient is a minor.)

The positive COVID patient:

- Will be asked to self-isolate for 10 days
- When possible the patient will be asked to use a separate bedroom, bathroom from others in the household
- Must be fever free without fever-reducing medication for 24 hours prior to release from isolation

Consider options such as staggered schedules, blended learning, etc.

Engage state's Childcare Response Team.

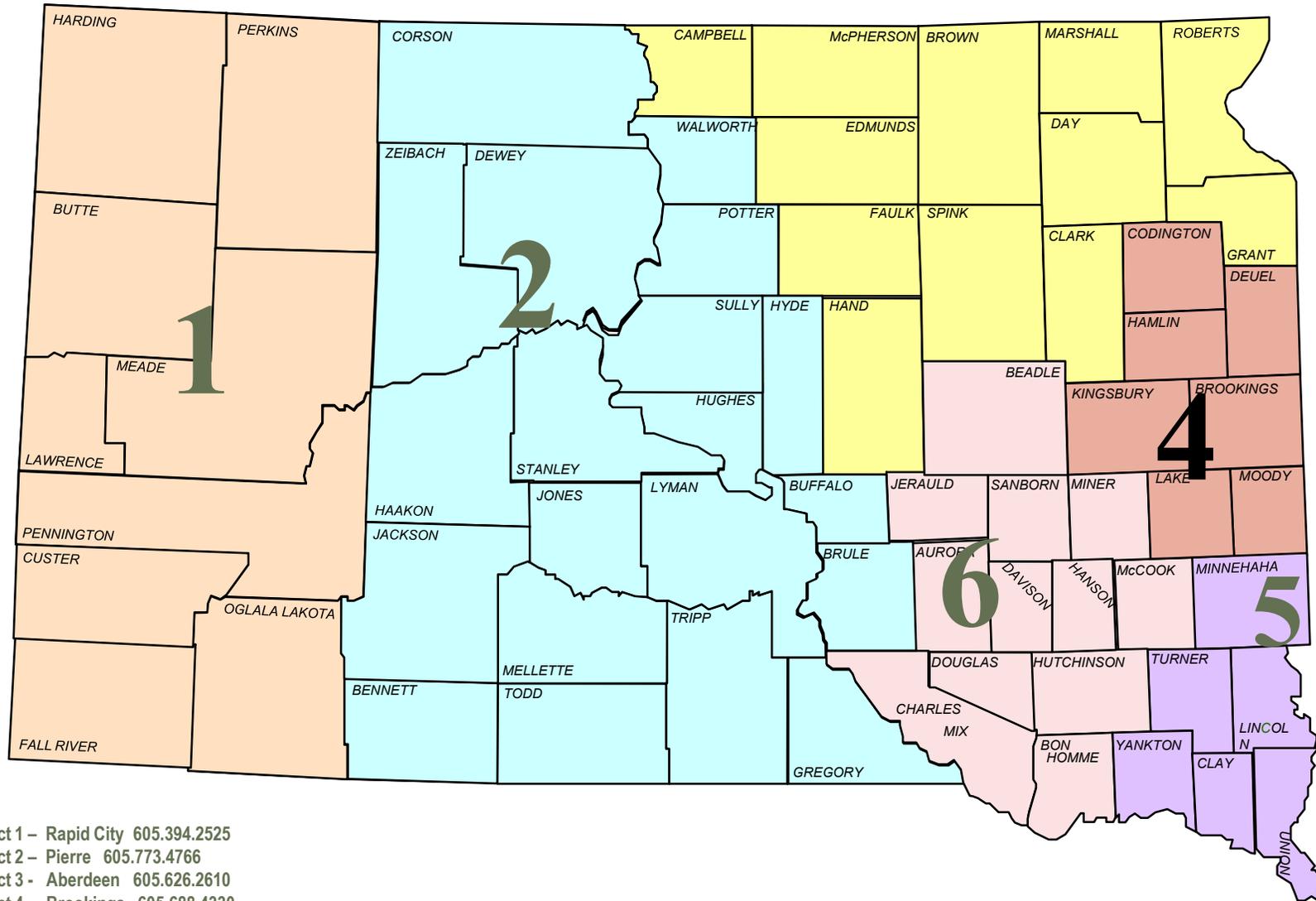


REMINDER:

This is a fluid situation and new information or guidance may be released. Please remember to review the resources you have been provided with periodically. The response team will do everything we can to continue to provide you with the most current information available.



CHILD CARE LICENSING DISTRICTS



- District 1 – Rapid City 605.394.2525
- District 2 – Pierre 605.773.4766
- District 3 - Aberdeen 605.626.2610
- District 4 - Brookings 605.688.4330
- District 5 – Sioux Falls 605.367.5444
- District 6 – Mitchell 605.995.8000

July 2020



QUESTIONS?

