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](mailto: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

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

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

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

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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.
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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](https://www.cdc.gov) 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](https://www.cdc.gov).

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.
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Initiating a Case Investigation in a Childcare and/or Daycare

DOH Receives Case

DOH interviews parent/guardian, gathers information about attendance, discusses sharing information with the facility to help determine close contacts and level of exposure in the facility.

DOH places positive case into isolation for 10 days.

Phone call

Close contacts are documented by DOH.

DOH notifies close contacts, placing them into quarantine for 14 days.

Provider notifies families and staff in accordance with their internal procedures with assistance from DOH, while protecting privacy.

DOH contacts Provider to continue investigation (determine close contacts) and provide notice of case in the Facility.
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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.

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.
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