

TIP SHEET FOR FAMILIES

SEEKING CHILDCARE OR SUMMER PROGRAMS DURING COVID-19 PANDEMIC

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Families often want to know how best to locate child care that meets the needs of their family. Childcare Resource and Referral's (CCR&R) Parent Referral Line can assist in providing you with up-to-date information on child care availability in your community. Parent Specialists can help you at 855-CHILD-01.

As you begin looking for child care, you may also be interested in reviewing the [Guide to Choosing Quality Childcare](#).

However, we know that looking for child care in the midst of a global pandemic may be difficult and you want to know how you can assure the health and safety of your children when they attend child care or summer programming.



THINGS TO CONSIDER WHEN OBSERVING OR INTERVIEWING PROGRAMS:

- ▶ Does the program conduct a temperature check and health screenings for staff and children, every day?
- ▶ Does the program prohibit access to anyone that has COVID-19 symptoms or lives with someone with symptoms or a positive COVID-19 test in the last 14 days?
- ▶ Does the program have a plan if someone is or becomes sick? Do they have a location to isolate a sick child until they can be picked up?
- ▶ Are parents expected to drop children off at the front door, limiting adult entry, to reduce the spread of illness?
- ▶ Is the program following guidance for handwashing and have adequate soap, water, cleaning supplies, and hand sanitizer?
- ▶ Are signs posted on how to stop the spread of COVID-19 and is the program promoting protective measures to be used, daily?
- ▶ If participating in field trips, does the program take necessary precautions when traveling by vehicle and to locations where the public may also have access to the location?
- ▶ Does the program have an infectious disease outbreak plan? Are they following CDC recommendations for cleaning, disinfecting and handwashing?

