

Childcare facilities

- Follow the [guidance for the childcare industry](#) to minimize the spread of COVID-19.
- Follow the [case and contact management guidance](#), which includes:
 - What to do when kids or staff develop symptoms while in the facility.
 - What to do for kids and adults who may have been exposed to someone with COVID-19.
 - When closure of a facility should be considered, and when it can reopen.
- See the answers to [frequently asked questions about waivers](#) that are available to providers.
- Review the guidance, prepare a plan, and post the [checklist for childcare](#) in your facility to show employees and families that you've reduced the risk and are open for operation.

Cohorts of kids and adults in controlled, supervised settings

A **cohort** is a stable group of no more than 14 children or youth and no more than two supervising adults in a supervised environment. The group stays together for all activities, including meals and recreation. And this group avoids contact with anyone not in their group.

Follow the [guidance for cohorts of children](#) and youth in controlled, supervised and indoor environments. See the answers to [frequently asked questions](#) about cohort guidance.

Kids and adults in supervised care environments must be in groups as small as possible. Kids and supervising adults in one group must not physically interact with:

- kids and supervising adults in other groups
- other facility staff
- parents of kids in other groups

Practicing a cohort structure

- decreases opportunities for exposure to or transmission of the virus
- facilitates more efficient contact tracing in the event of a positive case
- allows for targeted testing, quarantine, and isolation of a single group instead of an entire population of kids and supervising adults

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