



The Pennsylvania Office of Child Development and Early Learning (OCDEL), Bureau of Certification would like to give you information regarding the expectations of child care providers who are reopening their child care facilities to care for children. We understand these are difficult times and want to provide appropriate information regarding the steps child care facilities are taking while caring for your child.

Child care facilities in Pennsylvania must continue to follow the child care regulations. Child care providers must familiarize themselves with the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines for child care facilities. Although the CDC guidelines are separate from the regulations, it is extremely important child care providers follow the CDC guidelines to the best of their ability. If you would like to review the CDC guidelines regarding child care facilities, please click on this link: [www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/guidance-for-childcare.html](http://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/guidance-for-childcare.html)

Your child care provider should implement new screening procedures upon arrival for you and your child, as well as a new pick up policy. You may be asked not to bring your child to child care if your child shows any symptoms of illness. Staff should be wearing masks and your child, if they are older than 24 months or if they do not have underlying health or developmental issues, will be asked to wear a mask.

These are just a few of the changes you will see when your child returns to care. It is important to talk with your child's provider so you understand the changes being made due to the implementation of the CDC guidelines to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

If at any time you have questions or concerns about your child care facility, please contact the appropriate regional office. (See page two for contact information.)

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

