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Child Care During the Covid-19 Outbreak

Many parents continue to need child care for young children and school-age children. The Governor closed all Washington schools through the end of the school year to prevent the coronavirus from spreading.

Parents who are able to keep their children home should do so, but this is not always possible. Child care is important for our medical workers, first responders and others working during this public health emergency.

Open child care facilities need to reduce the risk of spreading coronavirus. The following guidance will help child care facilities, early learning providers, and schools offering care, to maintain health and safety standards and social distancing orders.

General guidance

Do not allow children, staff, parents and guardians on-site if they:

- Are showing signs of COVID-19.
- Have been in close contact* with someone who has confirmed or suspected

