

Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) Childcare Checklist



Health
Department

Macomb County businesses and entities may remain open if they provide essential services to sustaining or protecting life. It is the recommendation of the Macomb County Health Department that these businesses and entities must take the following actions to ensure the safety of employees and customers.

Screen staff, children, parents, guardians and essential visitors

Ask if the child or individual:

1. Has symptoms of fever, cough, shortness of breath, sore throat, or diarrhea?
2. Had close contact in the last 14 days with an individual diagnosed with COVID-19?
3. Travelled on an airplane internationally or domestically in the last 14 days?

If an answer is **YES** to any of the screening questions:

The child or individual should not be allowed in the facility. The child or individual should self-quarantine at home for:

- If symptoms are present, a minimum of 7 days since symptoms first appear. Must also have 3 days without fevers and improvement in respiratory symptoms.
- 14 days if the individual had close contact with another individual diagnosed with COVID-19.
- 14 days following international or domestic travel.

Screening Guidance:

Create and implement an active screening plan that will work best for your facility. Determine where and how this screening will take place. You can use [this form](#) to record answers. You are not required to record answers to the 3 screening questions, or record temperature results. We recommend it, but you are not required to do so.

Items to consider: Stagger shift starting times so people do not arrive at the same time. Have one person asking these questions directly. Or, individuals could do a “self-check-in” by entering their information on a computer, tablet, or sheet of paper. Be sure to instruct individuals on properly disinfecting equipment or writing utensils. Provide alcohol-based hand sanitizer at the screening station, if possible.

If a touchless/contactless thermometer is available, a temperature check is strongly recommended. We understand it may be difficult to get a thermometer at this time. Individuals can also take their temperature at home and report it to the childcare center. A fever is considered a temperature of 100.4°F or above.

If your facility is already following other appropriate or more-stringent infection control procedures (like CDC guidelines), please continue to use those procedures.

Note that the 14 day quarantine period does not apply to hospitals, healthcare facilities, EMS, other organizations that employ healthcare workers in the inpatient or outpatient setting, all providers and support staff involved in patient care, and public health staffing actively involved in the COVID-19 response (local or state).

Restrict non-essential visitors from entering the childcare center

Do not allow non-essential visitors to enter the childcare center, even if they do not show any signs of illness.

For questions, visit <https://www.macombgov.org/Covid19> or call the Macomb County Health Department COVID-19 Helpline at 586-463-3750. The Helpline is open 8:30 A.M. - 5:00 P.M., Monday-Friday.

If you need further assistance, contact the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services COVID-19 Hotline which is open seven days a week from 8:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. at 888-535-6136. You can also send an email to COVID19@michigan.gov for assistance.