

**PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY ORDER IN RESPONSE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC
PROCEDURES FOR CHILDCARE CENTERS
REMAINING OPEN UNDER EXECUTIVE ORDER 2020-21**

The Washtenaw County Local Health Officer issues this Order pursuant to the Michigan Public Health Code, MCL 333.2453 as it has been determined that it is necessary to protect the public health from further spread of COVID-19 within Washtenaw County. As evidence for the need for these measures, the State of Michigan is under a “shelter in place” order as of March 24, 2020. As part of that order, childcare centers may remain open to the extent that they provide care for children or dependents of critical infrastructure workers. Being that COVID-19 is being spread by person to person contact, those childcare centers remaining open still pose a risk to furthering community spread. In addition to the measures ordered by the Governor, certain procedures must be implemented at those childcare centers in order to limit exposure within the community. As such, the Washtenaw County Local Health Officer hereby orders the following to take effect on March 26, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. and will be in effect through April 13, 2020 at 11:59p.m.:

Childcare centers in Washtenaw County remaining open under Governor Whitmer’s Executive Order 2020-21 must:

- Develop and implement a daily screening procedure for all staff, children, parents, guardians and visitors. Screening procedures must include the following:
 - Ask if the child or individual has symptoms of fever, cough, shortness of breath, sore throat, or diarrhea - if a touchless/contactless thermometer is available, a temperature check is strongly recommended in lieu of verbal confirmation - the presence of any symptoms is a concern;
 - Ask if the child or individual has had close contact in the last 14 days with an individual diagnosed with COVID-19; and
 - Ask if the child or individual has traveled via airplane internationally or domestically in the last 14 days.
- If a “yes” answer is provided to any of the screening questions, the child or individual cannot enter the childcare center until they have self-isolated/self-quarantined for the following number of days:
 - If symptoms are present, a minimum of 7 days since symptoms first appeared. Must also have 3 days without fevers and improvement in respiratory symptoms;
 - 14 days following close contact with an individual diagnosed with COVID-19; or
 - 14 days following international or domestic travel.
- Non-essential visitors must be restricted from entering the childcare center.
- Post this order at all entrances to the childcare center so that it is visible to all employees and persons entering the center.

Such measures will be enforced, and any violations are subject to citation and penalties as outlined in the Michigan Public Health Code.

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