

Use Guidelines for Early Care and Education Protective Equipment and Materials

Item	Intended Use	Source of Guidance
Masks	<p>Child care staff are required to wear cloth face coverings. Children 2 years old and older are required to wear a face covering as described in the Order of the Secretary of the Pennsylvania Department of Health Order for Universal Face Coverings.</p> <p>*When using masks with children, be sure to read product description for the intended age range for that specific product.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · CDC recommendations for wearing face coverings · OCDEL requirements for face coverings (Announcement C-20-06) · PA Department of Health and PDPH requirements for face covering
Gloves	<p>Gloves can be used as a protective barrier and should be worn when:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conducting temperature screenings • Changing diapers • Dealing with bodily fluids or potential blood borne pathogens • Preparing and serving meals • Cleaning and disinfecting <p>*Hands should be washed after removing gloves.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · CDC recommendations for physical barrier when conducting screening · OCDEL requirements for cleaning and sanitizing toys · PDPH guidelines for childcare during the pandemic
Thermometers	<p>Child care providers should conduct a daily health screening of any person entering the building, including children, staff, family members, and other visitors to identify symptoms, diagnosis, or exposure to COVID-19. Persons who have a fever of 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit or above, or other signs of illness should not be admitted to the facility</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · CDC recommendations for screening prior to entry into program · OCDEL requirement for screening procedures · PDPH guidelines for screening
Alcohol Wipes	<p>The no-contact thermometers should be cleaned with an alcohol wipe (or isopropyl alcohol on a cotton swab) between each client. The same wipe can be reused as long as it remains wet.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · CDC recommendations for screening prior to entry into program · PDPH guidelines for screening children and staff

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Hand Sanitizer	<p>If hands are not visibly dirty, alcohol-based hand sanitizers with at least 60% alcohol can be used if soap and water are not readily available. Hand sanitizer needs to be stored away from children per DHS regulations (in locked storage). Use of hand sanitizer does not replace hand washing with soap/water for before/after meals and after diapering/toileting</p> <p>When using hand sanitizer,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read the label before using a hand sanitizer. If the instructions on the hand sanitizer prohibit its use for children, the hand sanitizer should not be in the facility. Also, note any age restrictions on the label and follow those restrictions. At all times, follow the directions on the product label. • The provider must obtain written parental permission for a child to use a hand sanitizer prior to permitting a child to use a hand sanitizer. The signed parental permission must be kept on file in the child's record at the facility. • Hand sanitizers must be inaccessible to children when not in immediate use. • A staff person must be physically present with and supervising a child who is using a hand sanitizer. The staff person must remain with the child until the hand sanitizer has dried on the child's hands. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CDC recommendations for healthy hand hygiene behavior • OCDEL requirements for drop off and pick up procedures • PDPH guidelines for promoting healthy habits • PA Position Statements
Disinfectant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facilities should develop a schedule for cleaning and disinfecting. • Routinely clean, sanitize, and disinfect • Use all cleaning products according to the directions on the label. For disinfection, most common EPA-registered, fragrance-free household disinfectants should be effective. • All cleaning materials should be kept secure and out of reach of children. • Cleaning products should not be used near children, and staff should ensure that there is adequate ventilation when using these products to prevent children from inhaling toxic fumes. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CDC recommendations for intensified cleaning and sanitizing efforts
Eye protection	<p>Staff should wear eye protection:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • During care activities where splashes and sprays are anticipated, which typically includes aerosol generating procedures. • During activities where prolonged face-to-face or close contact with a potentially infectious patient is unavoidable • When conducting temperature screenings prior to entering the program 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CDC recommendations for physical barrier when conducting screening

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Soap	<p>All children, staff, and volunteers should engage in hand hygiene at the following times:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrival to the facility and after breaks • Before and after preparing food or drinks • Before and after eating or handling food, or feeding children • Before and after administering medication or medical ointment • Before and after diapering • After using the toilet or helping a child use the bathroom • After coming in contact with bodily fluid • After handling animals or cleaning up animal waste • After handling garbage • After using gloves • Before and after sand/water play • Anytime hands are visibly soiled or dirty 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CDC recommendations for healthy hand hygiene • PDPH recommendation for health habits

Resources:

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/guidance-for-childcare.html>

Office of Child Development and Early Learning

<https://files.constantcontact.com/3e3d36fe201/f1dc7cca-6c70-4e4e-b60a-3bbabc353fa2.pdf>

Philadelphia Department of Public Health

<https://www.phila.gov/media/20200529115020/Guidelines-for-Childcare-Early-Education-Centers.pdf>

PA Position Statements

<https://secureservercdn.net/198.71.233.197/69d.231.myftpupload.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/06/ECERSR-PAPS-final-July2018.pdf>

PA Department of Public Health

Order of the Secretary of the Pennsylvania Department of Health Order for Universal Face Coverings

<https://www.governor.pa.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/20200701-SOH-Universal-Face-Coverings-Order.pdf>