

To: Licensed Childcare and Early Learning Centers, and
 Entities that Operate K-12 Summer School and Extra-Curricular Programs
 From: Office of Public Health
 Re: Initial Public Health Guidance in light of the Governor’s Roadmap to Restarting Louisiana

In light of the Governor’s Roadmap to Restarting Louisiana, we are issuing guidance to public and private early learning centers and daycares, and to entities that operate summer school and extra-curricular programs. This guidance is relative to operating childcare, early learning centers, or summer programming once the Governor’s [Stay at Home order](#) has been lifted and Phase 1 or, later, Phase 2 or 3 of reopening is in effect.

Guidance relative to operating public and non-public schools in the 2020-2021 academic year will be released in the coming weeks.

Given the risk for transmission of the virus causing COVID-19 in group or congregate settings, the Louisiana Office of Public Health offers the following guidance for operating in Phase 1, 2, and 3 of reopening.

This guidance is based on current medical knowledge of how COVID-19 is transmitted, primarily through close physical contact, vocal and musical activities during which aerosol particles might be emitted, and touching shared surface or objects.

Protective measures in childcare and summer schools or camp settings include:

- Social distancing, achieved by establishing and, for the maximum duration possible, maintaining small groups of individuals that minimally interact with other groups or individuals, including in shared indoor spaces
- Monitoring students and staff for symptoms of fever, cough, shortness of breath, or sore throat
- Practicing frequent environmental cleaning and hand-washing

Additionally, and as defined by [federal guidelines](#), vulnerable students should not attend and vulnerable staff members, including environmental services staff, should not enter the facility. **[Vulnerable school bus drivers and aides should not provide transportation services to students.](#)**

Guidelines

Group size	Phase 1: 10, including adults Phase 2: 25, including adults Phase 3: 50, including adults
Physical standards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Groups convene indoors in rooms enclosed by walls or partitions - Groups do not convene in shared indoor spaces unless they are cleaned before and after the group’s use - Groups are separated outdoors but do not require a physical barrier <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Phase 1 and 2: refrain from contact sports - Phase 3: contact sports are allowable within defined groups - Individuals are separated in pools by lane lines or ropes - Groups pass singly through entry and exit points

Symptom monitoring	Assess on arrival and throughout the day, including initial temperature check
Environmental Cleaning and Personal Hygiene	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Shared indoor facilities are cleaned after every group's use - High-touch surfaces are cleaned every hour, including bathrooms - Hand-washing at arrival, at least every two hours, before and after eating, before and after using outdoor play equipment, and at exit - Adults and children, as able, should wear cloth masks. Children under 2 years old and individuals with severe breathing difficulties should not wear masks
Transportation	<p>In Phase 1:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - School bus passengers ride one per seat with every other seat empty <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Members of the same household may sit in the same seat or adjacent seats, with an empty seat between household groups - The maximum number of passengers, including adults, should not exceed 25 percent of the school bus's capacity - To increase airflow, windows should be open to the maximum extent possible - Assess each passenger's symptoms, including initial temperature check, before boarding the school bus. Riders that do not meet the temperature check must return home. Whenever possible, an aide should assess passengers' symptoms and temperature. - High-touch surfaces are cleaned after each group's use - The bus is cleaned and disinfected at least once per day

For information regarding coronavirus 2019/COVID 19, please visit the LDH website and CDC website: <https://www.ldh.la.gov/coronavirus> and <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>, and follow the below general guidelines.

Protecting Yourself and Others in Louisiana		
Practice Social Distancing	Wash Your Hands, Cover Your Cough	Take Caution with Louisianans Who Are at Risk
Even if you feel well, stay at home as much as possible. In public, keep at least six feet distance from others. Avoid unnecessary appointments.	Cover your cough and sneezes. Use your elbow or a tissue. Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth.	Take special caution to avoid exposing the elderly and people with underlying health conditions. Avoid visiting those most at risk, and call instead. Offer to help with groceries and other needs.