

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.

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.

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

Symptom monitoring	Assess on arrival and throughout the day, including initial temperature check
Environmental Cleaning and Personal Hygiene	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Shared indoor facilities are cleaned after every group's use</li><li>- High-touch surfaces are cleaned every hour, including bathrooms</li><li>- Hand-washing at arrival, at least every two hours, before and after eating, before and after using outdoor play equipment, and at exit</li><li>- Adults and children, as able, should wear cloth masks. Children under 2 years old and individuals with severe breathing difficulties should not wear masks</li></ul>

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

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