



Health & Safety Regional Task Force

Welcome

***Early Learning Resource Center
Region 17***

***Health & Safety Regional Task Force
April 21, 2021***



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What is the Health & Safety Regional Task Force?

ELRC Region 17 acts as a connection among support systems and between support systems. We have created a Health and Safety Regional Task Force which brings together professionals in a regional, collaborative effort. The Task Force provides coordinated, consistent health and safety related supports to ECE providers. We work together to identify needs, maximize resources, and leverage local and statewide strengths to address needs and improve services.

The Health and Safety Regional Task Force is comprised of ELRC Quality Coaches, Program Quality Assessors, Preschool Program Specialists, EI/EITA Consultants, Certification Representatives, and Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health (IECMH) Consultants. ELRC 17 has created a Task Force informed by an assessment of the needs of providers in the region. The individual expertise and strengths of each task force member guides the work and the allocation of effort. Now more than ever, we need to work together to ensure that health and safety is at the forefront of early childhood education.

Health & Safety Regional Task Force Objectives

- Meet regularly to discuss activities, requests, findings, challenges, and needs
- Identify areas of expertise and create a phone/contact list
- Determine regional needs, approaches to meeting the needs, and the system to support programs within the region
- Set up systems for communication
- Create resource connections for programs without duplicating services
- Share findings with their ELRC Local Leadership Councils on a regular basis
- Report recent work and developments to the Pennsylvania Key Senior Health Manager as requested

Health & Safety Regional Task Force Commitments

- Our work is relationship-based with the goal of supporting cross-sector partnerships and collaborative responsiveness to health and safety concerns.
- We acknowledge that conversations and information shared are to be privileged and confidential.
- We work collaboratively to support regional dialogue, sharing resources and supporting the implementation of best practices around health & safety in ECE environments.

Health & Safety Regional Task Force Commitments

- Our commitment to best practice extends to engaging Certification Representatives when any program is observed to be out of compliance or expresses a need for additional clarification about Pennsylvania child care regulations and/or implementation of regulatory guidance.
- We will continually review Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and government Guidance on best practice and Pennsylvania regulatory compliance based on the evolving nature of the pandemic and emerging evidence.

Health & Safety Regional Task Force Goals

ELRC agencies will ensure that their Health & Safety Regional Task Force have developed long term goals to guide the team's work even after the COVID-19 pandemic subsides.

Examples of long-term goals for the Regional Task Force:

- Keeping the systems intact which are being created by this effort
- Maintaining these coordinated efforts for the future
- Creating a multidisciplinary group
- Creating sustainable community resources to support community well-being

Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 Vaccine Update

The Pennsylvania Department of Health (DOH) notified all vaccine providers to pause administering doses of the Johnson & Johnson (J&J) vaccine until at least April 20, 2021. This pause applies to Retail Pharmacy Partners (RPP) who were working to schedule vaccine appointments for the Early Childhood Education (ECE) workforce as part of the Special Initiative for Janssen, Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 Vaccine.

Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 Vaccine Update

With the pause in J&J vaccine distribution and the increased supply of appointments for Moderna and Pfizer, we recommend that child care staff who have not been contacted by a RPP seek alternate sources of vaccine in their community. Please do not wait for a resolution of the J&J vaccine pause to seek out and schedule a vaccine appointment. You can find out more information about vaccine providers in your area by visiting the DOH COVID-19 Vaccine webpage found on the PA DOH website.

<https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/disease/coronavirus/Vaccine/Pages/Vaccine.aspx>

Montgomery County Office of Public Health

Elizabeth M. Van Aulen, COVID-19 Field Supervisor

Monica Giacomucci, Communicable Field Supervisor

Updates on COVID-19 vaccine

Phases for vaccination (priority groups)

Current testing sites: Hours of operation, Procedure for scheduling a test

Statistics (positivity rates, number of people tested, etc.)

Other information relevant to early childhood education field

COVID-19 School Exclusion Recommendations

Exclusion From and Return to School Recommendations			
<p>COVID-19 Symptoms</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Two of the following symptoms: fever (measured or subjective), chills, fatigue, myalgia, headache, sore throat, congestion, nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea OR One of the following symptoms: cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, or new loss of taste or smell 	<p>Individual should be tested for COVID-19.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> If test result is negative OR doctor's note with differential diagnosis, return to school after 24 hours afebrile <u>and</u> improved respiratory symptoms If test result is positive or individual is unable/refuses to get tested, may return to school after: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 24 hours with no fever <u>and</u> Improvement in symptoms <u>and</u> 10 days since symptoms first appeared 		
	<p>Positive COVID-19 PCR or Antigen (Point of Care) Test</p>	<p>WITH SYMPTOMS</p> <p>May return to school after:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 24 hours with no fever <u>and</u> improvement in symptoms <u>and</u> 10 days since symptoms first appeared 	<p>WITHOUT SYMPTOMS</p> <p>May return to school after:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10 days after specimen was collected <p>If symptoms develop during the 10 days, follow return to school guidance for positive PCR or Antigen test <u>with</u> symptoms</p>
<p>Close Contact to Positive*</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Within 6ft for 15 minutes or more Household contact <p>*If testing resources are sufficient, close contacts should be tested regardless of symptoms. If an individual is tested, regardless of the reason, they should stay home and isolate until the results are back.</p>	<p>WITH SYMPTOMS</p> <p>Individual should be tested for COVID-19</p> <p>May return to school after:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 24 hours with no fever <u>and</u> improvement in symptoms <u>and</u> 10 days since symptoms first appeared 	<p>WITHOUT SYMPTOMS</p> <p>Quarantine can end 10 days after exposure without testing or after 7 days with a negative PCR or antigen test (must be collected on day 5 or thereafter)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Household contacts may require further investigation, by either OPH or school officials, to determine dates of quarantine <p><i>The most protective recommended quarantine remains 14 days post exposure.</i></p> <p>It is recommended that symptom monitoring continue until day 14. If symptoms develop during the 14 days, follow return to school guidance for Close Contact <u>with</u> symptoms.</p>	<p>COVID VACCINATION</p> <p>People who are vaccinated against COVID-19 do NOT need to quarantine after an exposure to another person with COVID-19 if they meet ALL of the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> They are fully vaccinated (i.e. ≥2 weeks following receipt of the second dose in a 2-dose series, or ≥2 weeks following receipt of one dose of a single-dose vaccine) <u>AND</u> They have remained asymptomatic since the current COVID-19 exposure <p><i>The date of vaccination is day 0 when determining if an individual is fully vaccinated.</i></p>
	<p>SARS COV-2 ANTIBODY TEST</p> <p>Persons who recently test positive for SARS-CoV-2 antibodies (documented test for IgM or IgG) DO NOT need to quarantine in low-risk situations if specific criteria is met and person exposed is asymptomatic. <i>Consultation with MCOPH is required.</i></p>		

2020 – PAHAN – 554 – 2-23-UPD Discontinuation of Transmission-Based Precautions for Patients with COVID-19
 2021 – PAHAN – 559 – 3-16-UPD: UPDATE: Quarantine Recommendations for Persons Exposed to COVID-19
 2021 – PAHAN – 562 – 3-24-ADV: Advisory: Quarantine Recommendations After SARS-CoV-2 Antibody Test

Seasonal Allergies or COVID-19?

Do your symptoms go away with allergy medication? Do your symptoms appear yearly? If yes to either, it is most likely just allergies. Check the chart below to know the difference. Know for sure and get tested for COVID-19!

Seasonal allergies will not be accepted as an alternative diagnosis without a negative COVID test.

SYMPTOMS	SEASONAL ALLERGIES	COVID-19
Body aches	Rarely	✓
Chills	✗	✓
Cough (dry)	Sometimes	✓
Fever	✗	✓
Headache	Sometimes	Sometimes
Itchy/watery eyes	✓	✗
Loss of smell	Mild	✓
Nasal congestion	✓	Sometimes
Nausea/diarrhea/vomiting	✗	Sometimes
Runny nose	✓	Rarely
Shortness of breath/wheezing	Sometimes	✓
Sneezing	✓	Rarely
Sore throat	Sometimes	Sometimes

Contact Office of Public Health

Phone: 610-278-6211 (Call will go to voicemail)

Email: MCSSchoolsCovid19@montcopa.org

Website for additional info: www.montcopa.org/COVID-19

Email for general questions: COVID19@montcopa.org

COVID Call Center (833) 875-3967, Monday – Saturday, 8:00am - 8:00pm

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ELRC 17 CHILD CARE PROVIDERS FREE PPE DISTRIBUTION EVENT

TUESDAY APRIL 27th 9:00AM- 12:00PM
THURSDAY APRIL 29th 9:00AM- 12:00PM

LOCATION: 101 BROWER AVE. OAKS, PA 19456

PHONE: ELRC OFFICE 610-278-3707
PICK UP DAY ONLY: 484-332-1315



PLEASE NOTE: PPE KIT
WEIGHS APPROX. 65 LBS

KITS INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS

- 3-Ply Medical Face Mask w. Ear Loops
- 20 Disposable Face Shields
- Non-Surgical Isolation Gowns
- 4 Boxes of Nitrile Gloves
- Hand Sanitizer, 8 oz, 62% alcohol, with Aloe, flip top
- Hand Sanitizer, 16 oz, hand pump
- Wipes, 50 count (or any size available)
- Shoe Covers
- Infrared Thermometer

This distribution event is open for **ALL** programs in Montgomery County. Programs who picked up a PPE Kit in February/March can pick up another kit.

Personal Protective Equipment

- Flyer available with a price list
- Email available mcoppe@safewareinc.com for orders and questions
- Limit \$1,000.00 per location, per order-currently filling orders for 2nd requests
- First come, first served
- Currently, there is still funding available
- Delivered directly to the location; delivery address must match PELICAN
- Due to the amazing response to this event, we ask for your patience. Orders are processed in the order that they are received



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Lead Safety Task Force

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PA Voluntary Lead in Child Care and School Drinking Water Testing Program: Governor Wolf has announced a free program that will help schools and child care facilities identify and address potentially harmful lead exposure to children.
<https://www.governor.pa.gov/newsroom/wolf-administration-promotes-free-testing-for-lead-in-drinking-water-for-schools-and-child-care-programs/>



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Health and Safety Supports

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Infant/Early Childhood Mental Health Resources

Subscribe to Bright Start, Bright Kids, Bright Future

<https://www.pakeys.org/getting-started/about-us/newsletter-signup/>

New Brochure

https://s35729.pcdn.co/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/IECMHbrochure_Feb2021.pdf

Announcements from other organizations
Questions, Comments, Concerns
We welcome your feedback!

**Next Health & Safety Regional Task
Force meeting will be held on:**

**Wednesday, June 9, 2021
at 1:00 PM**



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