

Phase One Reopening Guidance

Sector: Child Care

Specific Guidance for Child Care Sector:

Child care providers must:

- Limit the number of children in rooms:
 - Registered Family Provider – may have up to stable ¹groups of 10 children
 - Certified Family (CF) Provider – may have up to stable groups of 16 children (two distinct stable groups maximum in separate rooms)
 - Certified Center – may have up to stable groups of 18-21 provided that the center has 50-square-feet per child in classroom, otherwise center must adopt a smaller group size
- Adjust staffing ratios with mixed ages, based on the youngest child in the group, to:
 - Six weeks to 23 months – 1:4, maximum stable group size is eight children
 - 24 to 35 months – 1:5, maximum stable group size is 10 children
 - 36 months to kindergarten – 1:6, maximum stable group size is 18 children
 - Kindergarten and up – 1:7, maximum stable group size is 21 children
- Comply with cohorting requirements:
 - Up to two (2) groups of children may be allowed in a classroom over the course of the day for an AM/PM model if adequate sanitization protocols can be implemented between classes, including sanitization of high-touch surfaces, toys and materials. Sanitization practices must be observed for shared bathrooms, playgrounds and eating spaces.
 - The same staff must stay with the same group each day/week and cannot interact in person with other staff or groups of children.
 - When “floater” staff provide break relief for classroom staff, the “floater” staff must wear cloth face coverings and wash hands between classrooms. A child care provider must provide cloth face coverings or disposable face coverings to “floater” staff.
- Maintain increased OHA-ELD [cleaning protocols](#) for surfaces, linens, electronics, toys.

¹ For purposes of this guidance, “stable” means the same group of children, and teacher and staff, are in the same group each day.

- For Registered and Certified Family Providers, additional sanitation requirements include:
- Keep a log with the following information for each child in care:
 - Child name
 - Parent/guardian name
 - Parent/guardian phone number
 - Date/time child was in care

To the extent possible, child care providers should:

- Prioritize care for families needing care due to essential infrastructure employment such as first responders, health care, grocery store employees, etc. This prioritization will be enforced for programs that are subsidized, and these programs must collect family employment type for children in their care.
- Permit child care provider staff to wear cloth face coverings if they choose.
- Review and implement [General Employer Guidance](#), as applicable.

Additional Resources:

- OHA Guidance for the General Public
- OHA General Guidance for Employers