



Child Care

Utah's Moderate Risk Phase Guidelines



Moving to orange

A color-coded health guidance system has been developed by the State of Utah to guide health behaviors for individuals and businesses. Each level of the dial is guided by a rigorous measurement system which can be different by each region, county, city, or community.

Enhanced cleaning and distancing protocols. No symptomatic children.

- Follow all employer guidelines (see below)
- Enhanced cleaning and disinfecting
- Encourage children to be 6 feet apart as much as possible
- Groups must be restricted to groups of 20 unless a wall can physically separate each group
- For facilities overseen by child care licensing, follow child care licensing instructions for ratios, group sizes, and approved capacity
- Limit mixing the groups of children (keep in separate rooms, allow on the playground at different times)
- Curbside drop off and pick up
- All individuals must wash hands with soap and running water upon arrival
- Don't use toys that can't be washed and disinfected
- Children and staff should stay home if they're sick
- Children and staff are screened for symptoms (checklist or verbal)
- If there is a confirmed case, facility must be closed and alert local health department
- All high-touch surfaces should be cleaned and disinfected after each use (e.g., toys, keyboards, desks, remote controls)
- When handling food, follow Restaurant guidelines

General Employer Guidelines

Employers exercise extreme caution, with employees working remotely, evaluating workforce concerns, and enacting strategies to minimize economic impact. Businesses that necessitate on-site work should monitor workforce for symptoms and well-being.



- Employers take extreme precautions
- Provide accommodations to higher-risk employees
- Employees and volunteers operate remotely, unless not possible
- Symptom* checking in business interactions
- Face coverings worn in settings where other physical distancing measures are difficult to maintain; ensure that face coverings are available
- Make every possible effort to enable working from home as a first option; where not possible, workplaces comply with distancing and hygiene guidelines
- Minimize face-to-face interactions, including with customers (e.g. utilize drive-thru, install partitions)
- Where distancing and hygiene guidelines cannot be followed in full, businesses should consider whether that activity needs to continue for the business to operate
- Eliminate unnecessary travel and cancel or postpone in-person meetings, conferences, workshops, and training sessions
- Require employees to self-quarantine when returning from higher-risk** areas
- Employers evaluate workforce strategy and concerns and enact strategies to minimize economic impact
- Employers must not allow any individuals under isolation or quarantine to come to work at any time unless authorized by LHD

* Symptoms include fever of 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit or above, cough, trouble breathing, sore throat, sudden change in taste or smell, muscle aches or pains; refer to CDC symptoms list for updated details <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html>

** <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/map-and-travel-notice.html>

