



Childcare

Utah's Low Risk Phase Guidelines



Moving to yellow

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
- Limit mixing the groups of children (keep in separate rooms, allow on the playground at different times)
- For facilities overseen by child care licensing, follow child care licensing instructions for ratios, group sizes, and approved capacity
- Children from the same household are kept in the same group whenever possible
- Don't use toys that can't be washed and disinfected
- All individuals must wash hands with soap and running water upon arrival
- Children and staff should stay home if they're sick
- Children and staff are screened for symptoms (checklist or verbal), including temperature checks when feasible
- If there is a confirmed case, facility must be closed and alert local health department
- All high-touch surfaces should be cleaned and disinfected regularly
- The provider must restrict offsite activities to places or environments where social distance and proper cleaning practices can be controlled
- When handling food, follow Restaurant guidelines

General employer guidelines

Employers encourage flexible working arrangements (rotating shifts, remote work, etc.). Comply with distancing guidelines. Increased cleaning regimen of high-touch areas. Monitor employees for symptoms and well-being.

- All businesses operational if they can meet and adhere to all guidelines
- Employers take reasonable precautions



- Provide accommodations to higher-risk employees; minimize face-to-face contact, assign tasks that allow these individuals to maintain a 6-foot distance from other employees or customers, implement flexible work hours or staggered shifts, allow higher-risk individuals to work remotely
- 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
- Encourage remote work when possible; employers exercise discretion with returning to onsite work
- Workplaces comply with distancing and hygiene guidelines
- Limit unnecessary travel
- 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>

