

# COVID-19 TASK FORCE: EDUCATION SECTOR

## SUB-COMMITTEE 1: RE-OPENING & CONTINUITY OF SERVICE FOR CHILDMINDING & DAY CARE CENTRES

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### **GUIDELINE #2: Physical & Social Distancing – Procedures for Demarcation & Tips**

#### **Introduction**

The document serves as a guide to assist Childcare Providers in the implementation of physical and social distancing in their childminding services. Maintaining social distancing is one of the key measures currently being recommended and used widely to reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission.

#### **Possible demarcation areas:**

- In front of the bathroom or toilet facility
- On the floor in play and activity area
- At the entrance / reception of the facility

#### **Demarcation procedures:**

- Measure a distance of one (1) meter (or more if possible, depending on the available space) between demarcation points.
- Place the chosen material along the demarcation line and continue until the markings are completed.
- The number of markings will depend on the space availability.
- Regularly maintain the demarcation markings.

#### **Other Information & Tips**

- Markings need to be done prior to the re-opening of childcare service
- The demarcation areas should be clean and disinfected.
- If the need arises, certain arrangements to shift furniture and other items should be done to ensure that there is enough space to carry out this task.
- Use materials that are long lasting and at the same time do not pose a potential risk to the children's health.
- Markings should be visible, colorful and child friendly.
- Markings can be used as a teaching and learning tool.

- Inform the staff, children and parents about this small project, and encourage them to follow the physical and social distancing guideline.