

COVID-19 TASK FORCE: EDUCATION SECTOR

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

GUIDELINE #9 (a): Daily Screening

Conduct Daily Screening on All Children, Staff and Visitors to the Childcare Premises

Screening is one method in protecting children and staff from the possible transmission of COVID-19. Conducting temperature screenings and a brief history taking will help to identify any possible factors that can lead to COVID-19.

- Encourage parents/guardians to take child's temperature before drop-off and to report to caregivers.
- Ask parents/guardians to observe for any signs and symptoms of illness and to report to caregivers.
- Ask parents/guardians to confirm that child does not have fever, shortness of breath, cough, running nose, sore throat, diarrhea and loss of appetite.
- Caregivers should make a visual inspection of child for signs of illness. For example, looking for shortness of breath or rapid breathing, red or flush cheeks.
- Ask for recent history of travel for both child, parents/guardians and other members of the family.
- Caregivers should keep a log of daily temperature checks and health status. In childminding settings, members of family should also keep a log of daily temperature check.

GUIDELINE #9 (b): Parents' Drop-Off and Collection/Pick-Up

Place markings on the grounds to indicate social distancing requirements for use by parents during drop-off and collection of their children.

To minimise the spread of the virus social and physical distancing is a basic method in the prevention of the transmission of COVID-19.

- Greet children outside as they arrive.
- Have demarcation signs to indicate in and out.
- Have a designated area to handover and pick-up children.
- Hand hygiene stations should be set up at the entrance. Make available a sink with soap, running water and paper towel or hand sanitizer.
- Same parent or designated person should drop-off and pick-up children every day.

NB: If possible older people such as grandparents or those with serious underlying medical conditions should not pick up children as they are more at risk for severe illness from COVID-19.