



# Georgia Dept of Early Care and Learning

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## **Georgia Department of Public Health Guidance for Child Care Programs Operating During COVID-19**

The Georgia Department of Public Health (DPH) has provided updates and guidance to help providers keep track of the significant, ongoing changes and new available supports for child care programs across Georgia. Below is a list of some of the updated information:

- Clarifying language regarding the definition of a close contact
- Requirements concerning what must be reported by child care programs to DECAL/DPH
- Quarantine guidance to reflect new CDC and DPH requirements
- Updated documents with grammatical and wording changes
- Updated the symptoms on the “Symptom Screening Checklist” to reflect the screening of children and staff to assess whether they have ONE of the following symptoms (fever or chills, new cough, new loss of taste or smell, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing) or TWO of the following symptoms (sore throat, diarrhea, fatigue, new nasal congestion/stuffy or runny nose, nausea, muscle or body aches, new severe/very bad headache, vomiting, chills)
- Updated the ‘Stop: Coronavirus Information’ sign to reflect updated symptoms (as stated above)

Please click on the following to access –

[DPH GA Child Care Guidance Key Updates December 14, 2020](#)

[DPH Covid-19 Guidance for GA Child Care Programs December 14, 2020](#)

The Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning (DECAL) is committed to supporting all child care programs during this emergency and is working to identify helpful resources and make them readily available.

Please continue to visit the following websites: The [Governor’s Office](#), [Georgia Department of Public Health](#) and the [Centers of Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)](#) for the latest and most accurate information.