



## **EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY:**

**The Kid's Corral will be open for regular business hours this week. However, we will be taking extra precautions to ensure the health and safety of our children and staff. This evening the Texas Health and Human Services sent out new guidelines for childcare centers in response to the coronavirus (COVID-19). They are copied below. In response, The Kid's Corral will be implementing the following as of tomorrow morning at opening.**

- **If your child has a fever or is showing any signs or symptoms of a respiratory infection, such as cough, shortness of breath, sore throat, and low-grade fever- they will not be permitted into the center.**
- **We will be checking the temperature and looking for signs of COVID-19 before all children and staff enter the building. Anyone with a 100.4 or above temperature will not be permitted into the center.**
- **There will be no tours for prospective parents, and we will prohibit entry of any person other than those with legal authority to enter.**
- **We will prohibit entry to anyone who has traveled internationally within the past 14 days, or has had contact with anyone with a confirmed diagnosis of the virus.**
- **We will be escorting children to and from their classrooms, having parents drop them off at the front entry.**
- **We will be disinfecting and sanitizing throughout each day.**
- **We will not be serving family style meals; each child will be provided a plate with appropriate portion sizes.**

**Please understand that taking the temperature of each child and escorting them to their classrooms will take extra time. Please be patient with the staff we will be moving as quickly as possible, but our goal is to keep everyone healthy and safe.**

**Thank you for allowing us to serve you and your family.  
The Kid's Corral**



## COVID-19 Guidance to Child Care Providers

Based on state law, federal guidance, and Governor Abbott's disaster declaration, the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) is updating requirements for day care operations to assist them in protecting children in their care from COVID-19.

HHSC Child Care Licensing (CCL) urges all current providers to immediately implement the following guidance, which is consistent with the new requirements:

- Prohibit any person except the following from accessing an operation: operation staff; persons with legal authority to enter, including law enforcement officers, HHSC Child Care Licensing staff, and Department of Family and Protective Services staff; professionals providing services to children; children enrolled at the operation; and parents who have children enrolled and present at the operation.
- Before allowing entry into the operation, screen all of the individuals listed above, including taking the temperature of each person upon arrival at the operation each day, and deny entry to any person who meets any of the following criteria:

1. A temperature of 100.4°F or above;
2. Signs or symptoms of a respiratory infection, such as a cough, shortness of breath, sore throat, and low-grade fever;
3. In the previous 14 days has had contact with someone with a confirmed diagnosis of COVID-19; is under investigation for COVID-19; or is ill with a respiratory illness; or

In the previous 14 days has travelled internationally to countries with widespread, sustained community transmission. For updated information on affected countries, visit: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/travelers/index.html>.

- Require pick up and drop off of children outside of the operation, unless you determine that there is a legitimate need for the parent to enter an operation.
- Ensure that each child is provided individual meals and snacks. Do not serve family style meals.

CCL also will be issuing Frequently Asked Questions as early as possible next week. In the meantime, you can send any questions you may have to the licensing standards comments mailbox at [MSC@hhsc.state.tx.us](mailto:MSC@hhsc.state.tx.us).