

Mitigation strategy	Low level	Medium level	High level*
Providing services	Operating in-person center-based and home-based	Operating in-person center-based and home-based May consider moving in-person gatherings to virtual setting if a center is highly affected	Options: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Limit the number of staff on-site in an equitable way • Move in-person gatherings (meetings/trainings/family gatherings/end of year celebrations, etc.) to virtual setting • Consider temporary virtual learning and home visiting services
Daily health checks	Follow Daily Health Check P&P; can be done at drop off at classroom	Follow Daily Health Check P&P; can be done at drop off at classroom	Follow Daily Health Check P&P; done at drop off at designated entry. Possibly re-implement screening questions.
Illness exclusion	Updated illness exclusion for children and staff (July 2022)	Updated illness exclusion for children and staff (July 2022)	Options: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • People must be symptom-free except for symptoms attributed to diagnosed health condition • If a person has a certain symptom(s), add in COVID testing/doctor's

			<p>note/exclusion for a specific time</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Follow updated ELD guidance
Follow up on primary COVID-19 symptoms	Pause ELD guidance	Pause ELD guidance	Consider any new guidance from ELD
COVID-19 Testing	<p>Recommended not required</p> <p>Distribute at-home tests from community partners</p>	<p>Recommended not required</p> <p>Distribute at-home tests from community partners</p>	<p>Recommended not required</p> <p>Options:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Distribute at-home tests from community partners Purchase at-home tests to provide to families/staff
Quarantine	Follow OHA/CCPH guidance	Follow OHA/CCPH guidance	<p>Follow OHA/CCPH guidance</p> <p>Child with household exposure should quarantine for 5 days to monitor for symptoms</p>
Contact tracing	Follow OHA/CCPH guidance	Follow OHA/CCPH guidance	Follow OHA/CCPH guidance
Isolation	Follow OHA/CCPH guidance	Follow OHA/CCPH guidance	Follow OHA/CCPH guidance
<p>Masking** and PPE</p> <p>Anyone with COVID-19 must mask according to isolation guidance</p>	Masks are required (2+) when staff and children/families are in direct contact. Masks are optional when staff and children/families are not in direct contact.	Masks are required (2+) when staff and children/families are in direct contact. Masks are optional when staff and children/families are not in direct contact.	<p>Masks are required (2+) at all times except for when napping, eating, or drinking.</p> <p>PPE for staff may include KN95 or N95.</p>

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Ventilation	Open classroom windows when it's safe. Run classroom air purifiers and replace filters as needed.	Open classroom windows when it's safe. Run classroom air purifiers and replace filters as needed.	Open classroom windows when it's safe. Run classroom air purifiers and replace filters as needed.
Handwashing	Follow Handwashing P&P	Follow Handwashing P&P	Follow Handwashing P&P Enhance hand hygiene by handwashing or using hand sanitizer when children enter the classroom
Cleaning/ Disinfecting/ Sanitizing	Follow P&P	Follow P&P	Follow P&P Enhance cleaning such as disinfecting spray between classes
Physical distancing	Parents may drop off/pick up from the classroom	Options: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parents may drop off/pick up from the classroom • Parents may drop off/pick up from the classroom one at a time 	Drop off/pick up at designated entry to limit crowding in the classroom

Cohorting	Not needed	Not needed	Limit interactions between cohorts as much as possible. If cohorts need to mix, it's best to mix outside. Recommend minimizing staff contact with multiple cohorts.
Education on preventing COVID-19 to staff and families	Not needed	Communication to staff and families if a center is experiencing high numbers of COVID-19 cases/ respiratory illness	Increased communication to staff and families. Ex: All Staff meetings/emails
Staff vaccination and weekly testing of unvaccinated staff	Staff with exemptions will be tested weekly per OHS standard	Staff with exemptions will be tested weekly per OHS standard	Staff with exemptions will be tested weekly per OHS standard

*Strategies for high transmission are dependent on current COVID-19 landscape, symptom profile of current COVID-19 variant, and guidance.

**Based on current OHS Masking Performance Standard

Other operational changes during “high” level

- Temporarily suspend classroom toothbrushing or follow guidance from OHS
- Switch to “restaurant style” from “family style” or follow guidance from CACFP
- Temporarily suspend non-essential visitors in classrooms