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## Letter to Parents no. 3

# New ruling on the care of children of people working in critical infrastructure roles (key workers)

### **IMPORTANT APPEAL to all parents entitled to child care by the new ruling**

In order to safeguard the operation of the critical infrastructure for the community, the State Government has decided that everyone who works in a critical infrastructure role and is able to present certification from their employer of their indispensability is, regardless of their family situation, personally entitled to have their children looked after in child day-care facilities, if their care cannot be otherwise organised in a responsible manner, i.e. in accordance with the recommendation of the Robert Koch Institute.

This new ruling applies from 23 March 2020 and relates both to care in child day-care centres and in the child day-care system.

#### **We nevertheless appeal to all parents:**

for reasons of infection protection, **utilising this new ruling should be limited to the extent absolutely necessary.** Please bring your children to a child day-care centre or into the child day-care system only if you really cannot provide the care yourself or otherwise organise it in a responsible way, i.e. in accordance with the recommendations of the Robert Koch Institute.

**Help to slow down the spread of coronavirus** by not making the number of children in the day-care groups any higher than absolutely necessary. Be conscious too of the **increasing risk of infection** for your child and your family caused by every additional contact beyond the family.

Please also think about the health and well-being of the carers in the day-care centres and child day-care system.

The entire population is called upon to avoid social contact as far as possible. **Please play your part in this.**

**State of North Rhine-Westphalia**

**Ministry for Child and Family Affairs, Refugees and Integration**