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Information for parents

whose children are cared for in nursery schools or by childminders

Information for providers, managers and staff

of nursery schools and home-based childcare

New regulations for child day-care facilities due to changes to the Corona Care Ordinance (*Coronabetreuungsverordnung, Corona-BetrVO*)

As of today, Monday, the changes to the Corona Care Ordinance apply to child day-care facilities. In line with all other areas of society, the 3G rule (vaccinated, recovered or tested) applies for entry to child day-care facilities, and stipulates that masks be worn in indoor settings. There are exemptions to both.

The rules apply both to day-care employees and childminders, as well as parents and other people (third parties). They do **not** apply to children until they start school. However, they also apply to school-age children.

The following changes apply to the child day-care sector:

Masks are mandatory in indoor settings

All persons (day-care employees, childminders, parents and third parties) must wear a mask that is at least medical grade in indoor settings, regardless of whether a minimum distance is maintained.

Exempt from this rule are:

- Day-care employees and childminders when taking care of children with no other persons present
- Day-care employees and childminders if exclusively immunised employees or childminders are present (as soon those who have only been tested are present, masks are mandatory for all)
- All persons, if the day-care worker deems the temporary removal of masks to be necessary for educational purposes, including in the presence of parents or third parties. In such cases, a minimum distance must be maintained between the adults.
- Parents and day-care employees, if they remain in fixed seated or standing positions within the context of parent-teacher association meeting
- All persons who cannot wear a mask for proven medical reasons
- All persons when communicating with those who are deaf or hard of hearing
- For all persons in a few further exceptional situations described in greater detail in Section 4 Paragraph 2 of the Corona Care Ordinance, for example at meal times and during activities involving movement or music

Therefore, the regular mandatory use of face masks applies for all parties who come into contact with day-care employees, childminders, parents or third parties in everyday life at child day-care facilities. It is then no longer mandatory to wear a mask in situations where children are being taken care of with no other persons present.

3G rule upon entry

Under the 3G rule (entry only for those who are vaccinated, recovered or tested), only those who are immunised or have been tested (staff, parents and third parties) are permitted to enter child day-care facilities.

Exemptions are made:

- For parents when dropping off and picking up their children
- For school-age children and young people who are considered to be tested due to the regular tests performed at school
- In emergencies

Therefore, persons who are not immunised or tested may not enter the child day-care facility outside of situations where they are dropping off or picking up children. The management of nursery schools are responsible for excluding such persons from participating in their services.

Meeting the test requirement

Employees are considered to have met the test requirement if they have a rapid antigen test (*Bürgerstest*) taken or participate in supervised employee testing twice per calendar week.

Supervised employee testing involves a Covid-19 rapid test provided free of charge by the employer, performed by skilled or trained staff or performed by the individual under the supervision of a skilled, trained or instructed person.

Because self-employed childminders are not able to participate in supervised employee testing, they are only considered to have met the test requirement if they are tested twice a week with a rapid antigen test.

Parents and third parties must prove they have met the test requirement with a rapid antigen test taken within the past 48 hours.

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