

Ministerium für Kinder, Familie,
Flüchtlinge und Integration
des Landes Nordrhein-Westfalen



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Information for parents

whose children are cared for in child day care facilities or in child day care centres

Information for the responsible body, management, staff

of child day care facilities and child day care centres

Day care for children after Easter

Child day care in North Rhine-Westphalia will remain in limited regular operation after Easter, initially until at least 11 April, 2021.

The requirements of the Corona Care Ordinance still apply, i.e. a minimum distance of 1.5 metres must be maintained between adults. If the minimum distance cannot be maintained, a medical mask must be worn by adults. Appropriate hygiene precautions must be taken and traceability must be ensured.

For child day care facilities:

- Group separation must be implemented throughout the state, i.e. firmly assigned premises, a fixed composition (always the same children) and, as a rule, fixed staff.

- In order to be able to implement group separation, the scope of care in day care facilities is restricted to 10 hours per week for each child throughout the state. As far as the respective personnel resources permit and an overload of the overall situation in the facility can be excluded, a higher scope of care may also be possible or a restriction may be waived. The institution or the responsible body will decide on the respective arrangements.

The following applies to child day care centres:

- In day care centres, children are cared for according to the time frame of the care contract. In large-scale day care centres, the day carers and the children assigned to them should be physically separated for the entire daily care period, if possible.

Dealing with symptoms of illness:

The principle remains: Sick children do not belong in the day care centre! Children with fever and/or symptoms which, in the opinion of the parents and the facility or day care centre, indicate an acute, infectious and contagious illness should not be in the care of the facility or day care centre. At this point, we would once again like to expressly appeal to parents not to bring their children into care in this case, for the protection of the employees, the day care workers and the other children. In this context, the facility or the day care provider may still refuse care as long as a child, in their view, shows symptoms of an illness that preclude responsible care. In the case of a cold without other signs of illness, the children should be observed at home for 24 hours, as before. If no further symptoms appear, the child can be cared for again. Recommendations for managing symptoms of illness in children must continue to be applied consistently.

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