

# TIP SHEET FOR FAMILIES

## SEEKING CHILD CARE DURING COVID-19 PANDEMIC

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Families often want to know how best to locate child care that meets the needs of their family. Child Care Resource and Referral's (CCR&R) Parent Referral Line can assist in providing you with up-to-date information on child care availability in your community. Parent Specialists can help you at 855-CHILD-01.

As you begin looking for child care, you may also be interested in reviewing the Guide to Choosing Quality Child Care <https://iowaccr.org/resources/files/BGP/78%20ParentGuide.pdf>

However, we know that looking for child care in the midst of a global pandemic may be difficult and you want to know how you can assure the health and safety of your children when they attend child care or summer programming.

### THINGS TO CONSIDER WHEN OBSERVING OR INTERVIEWING PROGRAMS:

- ▶ Does the program conduct a temperature check and health screenings for staff and children, every day?
- ▶ Does the program prohibit access to anyone that has COVID-19 symptoms or lives with someone with symptoms or a positive COVID-19 test in the last 14 days?
- ▶ Does the program have a plan if someone is or becomes sick? Do they have a location to isolate a sick child until they can be picked up?
- ▶ Are parents expected to drop children off at the front door, limiting adult entry, to reduce the spread of illness?
- ▶ Is the program following guidance for handwashing and have adequate soap, water, cleaning supplies, and hand sanitizer?
- ▶ Are signs posted on how to stop the spread of COVID-19 and is the program promoting protective measures to be used, daily?
- ▶ If participating in field trips, does the program take necessary precautions when traveling by vehicle and to locations where the public may also have access to the location?
- ▶ Does the program have an infectious disease outbreak plan? Are they following CDC recommendations for cleaning, disinfecting and handwashing?