REOPENING CHILD CARE DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

The purpose of this tool is to assist child care programs in making decisions about reopening during the Badger Bounce Back transition. It is important to check with the state and local health officials and other partners to determine the most appropriate actions.

ALL

YES

Should you consider opening?

 Is the child care program located in an area where there are no longer community spread concerns?

ALL

YES

- Will reopening be in compliance with state and local orders?
- Is the child care program prepared to protect children and staff at higher risk for severe illness from COVID-19?



Are recommended safety actions in place?

- Are there plans for increased healthy hygiene practices, such as hand washing and wearing cloth face coverings?
- Are intensified cleaning, disinfection, and ventilation procedures in place?
- Does the program have practices and procedures in place to social distance, such as increased spacing of materials and resting equipment, and small group sizes with limited mixing of children and staff between groups?
- Is the program able to limit sharing of items such as materials supplies, equipment, and communal spaces.
- Are all staff trained on health and safety policies and procedures?



Is ongoing monitoring in place?

- Is the program prepared to screen children and staff for signs and symptoms of COVID-19?
- Is the program prepared to send children and staff home who arrive or become ill at the facility?
- The program has a plan for symptomatic/ill children or staff
- Are there plans for regular communication with families, staff, and local authorities?
- Is the program able to monitor child and staff absences and offer flexible leave policies and practices?
- Does the program have adequate staff to cover if current staff become ill or are required to quarantine?
- In the event of a confirmed case, is the program ready to close?





ALL

YES