

Child Care Guidelines

COVID-19 is now circulating in communities in Texas. Tarrant County Public Health provides the following recommendations:

- 1. Screen students and staff at check-in for fever, cough, shortness of breath and whether they have been in contact with anyone who has COVID-19**
- 2. Send students who are ill home**
- 3. Practice social distancing (cribs and students should be kept 6 feet apart)**
- 4. Allow non-essential staff to work from home**
- 5. Encourage staff to receive influenza vaccine**
- 6. Staff who are 65 or older and those of any age who have health conditions (for example, lung disease, heart disease, diabetes, immunosuppression, cancer) which put them at risk for adverse outcomes from infections may need to limit exposure to students.**
- 7. Facility staff will practice hand hygiene (handwashing or hand sanitizer) and cough etiquette**
- 8. Visitors should be restricted throughout the day.**
- 9. Cleaning personnel will disinfect high touch surfaces**

DHHS Child Care Licensing unit may soon issue additional guidance.