



Reminders:

- Right click on the name/phone number and type your full first and last name.
- Please mute your microphone when not speaking.
- Feel free to use the chat option throughout the meeting.





COVID-19 Updates and Coordination Call for Childcare Providers

Kansas City Bi-State Region
Children and Youth in Disasters (CYID) CDRN
Subgroup
Early Learning Education – Community
Collaborative
Wednesday, July 22, 2020



Welcome & Introductions –

Jenny Brandt – The Family Conservancy (TFC)

Sponsored by the:

- Early Learning Education – Community Collaborative (ELE – CC)
- Children and Youth in Disasters (CYID) Community Disaster Resiliency Network (CDRN) Subgroup



Early Learning Education – Community Collaborative

- Childcare Provider Representatives
- Children and Youth in Disasters (CYID) – Community Disaster Resiliency Network (CDRN) Subgroup
- Community Stakeholders
- Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) Early Learning & Head Start
- Missouri & Kansas Childcare Licensing
- The Family Conservancy (TFC)

Poll #1

In relation to current mask mandates or recommendations, I'm wondering about:

- Guidance for children wearing masks
- Guidance for staff wearing masks
- Guidance on families or visitors wearing masks

Poll #2

In relation to a positive COVID-19 case or possible exposure, I need help understanding:

- How/when to report to the Health Department
- What information to provide families
- What information to provide staff
- All of the above

Agenda

Mask
considerations for
child care providers
and children

Communication
Plans

Jurisdiction specific
discussions

Mask considerations for child care providers and children

- Child care providers are essential workers who have a unique set of strengths and challenges during COVID-19
- Mask mandates and considerations
- <https://www.comebackkc.com/open-letter-mask-wearing/>

During mask mandates, it is important to help young children understand how to interpret the faces behind the masks to support their social-emotional development

- Verbalize your facial expression and your emotions
 - When young children learn to verbally manage their emotions in childhood, it leads to positive attitudes and behaviors later in life
- Tune into body language
 - Show expression through action
- “Guess my expression”
 - Smiling Eyes! 😊

Cloth Face Coverings for Children During COVID-19

Here are a few ideas to help make them seem less scary for children:

- Look in the mirror with the face coverings on and talk about them.
- Put a cloth face covering on a favorite stuffed animal.
- Decorate them so they're more personalized and fun.
- Show your child pictures of other children wearing them.
- Draw one on their favorite book character.
- Practice wearing the face covering at home to help your child get used to it.





Communication Plans

- Mayela Visconti – Guadalupe Centers
 - How to communicate with parents around COVID 19
 - What do you communicate
 - Have you included this in your plan, policies, and/or procedures

Breakout: Jurisdiction specific discussions

- The meeting will close at 8PM following the breakout groups and we will not join back together as a large group.
- As the COVID-19 situation continues to evolve many questions remain unanswered and may still during these ongoing discussions tonight.
- As a gentle reminder, many early learning education providers and sites are experiencing different challenges. Please be considerate of others comments and questions.

**Breakout:
Jurisdiction
specific
discussions –
Kansas**

- Johnson County/ Miami County –
Eldonna Chesnut
- Johnson County/ Miami County –
Roxanne Hess
- Leavenworth County –
Lisa Schmidt
- Wyandotte County –
Lori Lanter

**Breakout:
Jurisdiction
specific
discussions –
Missouri**

- Cass County Health Department – Brooklyn Lampe
- Clay County – Darrell Meinke
- Eastern Jackson County – Mary Anna Henggeler
- Kansas City, Missouri Health Department – Steven Lammers
- Platte County Health Department – Chelsie Carter
- Platte County Health Department – Sherrie Kisker

Breakout:

Jurisdiction specific discussions

1. Mask Mandates & Recommendations
2. Communication Procedures between Child Care Providers and your local health department
 - i. What triggers a call to the health department?
 - ii. What is communicated?
3. Communication with families and with staff
 - i. What is suggested that you communicate?
 - ii. Are you communicating this information with all families and what are the procedures? With all staff and what are those procedures?
4. Q&A

