



# Municipality of Anchorage

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## CHILD CARE LICENSING PROGRAM

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Greetings Child Care Providers,

We would like to provide each of you an update on the current status of Emergency Order 20 version 2 ([EO-20v2](#)) "Do It for Summer", and Emergency Order 13 version 5 ([EO-13v5](#)) Requirements for Masks and Cloth Face Coverings both effective May 3, 2021.

EO-20v2 rescinded the requirement for child care facilities to follow Attachment H. (previously Attachment B). What does that mean for your child care facility? **Mitigation plans are no longer required.** The CDC strongly recommends some of these practices to remain and has provided additional strategies in their [updated guidance](#). This guidance outlines strategies that child care programs can use to maintain healthy environments and operations, lower the risk of COVID-19 spread in your programs, prepare for when someone is sick with COVID-19, and support coping and resilience.

However, **the wearing of masks and cloth face coverings are still in effect under EO-13v5 with some exceptions.** This order does not apply to:

- Any child under the age of 2 years.
- Children ages 2 years and older; masks are recommended, but not required.
- Fully vaccinated employees working in a separate room from the public and/or unvaccinated coworkers. (Employers wishing to utilize this exception must verify their employee's vaccination status in a manner consistent with workplace anti-discrimination laws.)

**EO-13v5 continues to apply to all adults unless exempted as noted above.** Caregivers, staff, and visitors will be required to continue wearing masks while indoors in common spaces and individual classrooms.

EO-13v5 states all individuals must wear masks or face coverings when they are outdoors at large crowded public events. Unvaccinated individuals are additionally encouraged to wear masks at all outdoor public gatherings, regardless of size. **Please note, this does not include your outdoor playground space, field trips to parks and other locations, and outdoor common**

**areas.** “Large crowded public events” means events such as live performances, parades, and sporting events bringing together a multitude of individuals from different households where six feet of physical distancing between household groups is not maintained.

For child care facilities providing summer camp programs for K-12, CDC issued [updated guidance](#) for summer camps that outlines strategies that camp programs can use to maintain healthy environments and operations, lower the risk of COVID-19 spread in their programs, and support coping and resilience. The guidance describes physical distancing recommendations for day camps that align with current evidence for physical distancing in [schools](#).

With all this being said, because of your mitigation strategies, CCL has seen a reduction in the number of reported positive cases. This is fabulous! We encourage you to consider continuing or modifying your COVID-19 mitigation plan as programs can always have tighter restrictions. We also ask you to continue to report cases and closures within your facility by submitting the *COVID-19 reporting form* for exposures and include a *Notification of Facility Emergency CC65*, if the facility closes temporarily due to the exposure. The completed forms should be sent to [ahdcovidccl@anchorageak.gov](mailto:ahdcovidccl@anchorageak.gov) and your specialist.

Sincerely,

MOA Child Care Licensing Program