



PARENTS' CHECKLIST

regarding the re-opening of early childhood development programmes and/or partial care facilities that provide an after-school service on the measures to address, prevent and combat the spread of COVID-19 before re-opening and the re-admission of children.

The Minister of Social Development is considering a date for the re-opening of early childhood development (ECD) centres (partial care facilities that provide early childhood development programme in terms of section 93(5)(a) of the Act), playgroups, childminders (day mothers), toy libraries, mobile early childhood development programmes and partial care facilities that provide an after-school service that provide an early learning, care and development programmes in accordance with the Children's Act 38 of 2005. The Minister will announce the date of re-opening in the Government Gazette as well as in the media.

The Minister of Social Development together with Department of Social Development must take into account a number of factors, as well as evidence about the transmission of COVID-19 and the implications before she decides and announce for the re-opening of the above mentioned programmes. **The Minister is aware that when she makes an announcement regarding the re-opening of an early childhood development programme and/or partial care facility it coincides with advising parents that it is reasonably safe to return their children to these programmes, if they choose to.**

It is important for parents to note that decision to return their children to an early childhood development programme and/or partial care facility is voluntary and the sole decision of a parent or legal guardian. Therefore, parents have the right to the following before they decide to return their children to an early childhood development programme and/or partial care facility:

1. To be informed about the measures to address, prevent and combat the spread of COVID-19 that an early childhood development programme and/or partial care facility took to prepare for the re-opening before the date of re-opening.
2. To be informed of the procedures and measures that an early childhood development programme and/or partial care facility will follow to address, prevent and combat the spread of COVID-19.
3. To be informed that no child, including a child with a disability, that has attended an early childhood development programme and/or partial care facility during the month that the national state of disaster was announced may refused re-admission to the early childhood development programme and/or partial care facility child attended, other than as indicated in paragraph 4.
4. To be informed that a child with a known underlying health condition(s) that may place that child at a higher than normal risk category as defined by the Department of Health may not return to an early childhood development programme, unless a medical practitioner has given written authorization that it will be safe for such a child to return to and participate in the early childhood development programme and/or partial care facility.
5. To enquire and be provided with information regarding procedures and measures to address, prevent and combat the spread of COVID-19 at the early childhood development programme and/or partial care facility before he or she decides whether to return their child or not (use check list to help with this).

Checklist for parents		Yes	No
1	Information from facility regarding the re-opening and all relevant information that I may need	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2	I have been informed that the return of my child(ren) to the early childhood development programme and/or partial care facility is voluntary and my sole decision	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3	I have been provided with information on how to prepare my child every day before he or she goes to an early childhood development programme and/or partial care facility.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4	Information regarding the daily symptom screening upon entry or re-entry to the premises	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5	The premises and equipment have been cleaned before the re-opening.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6	How the premises and equipment will be cleaned daily to prevent and combat the spread of COVID-19.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7	All staff received training/ orientation on the measures to address, prevent and combat the spread of COVID-19.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8	I have been asked to provide my contact details and alternative should my child become ill and I need to be contacted.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9	There are procedures and measures in place to manage access	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10	Information about the procedures that will apply when my child or any child gets sick or show symptoms that are linked to COVID-19	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11	Information whether the early childhood development programme and/or partial care facility is registered as required in terms of the Children's Act 38 of 2005, and if not yet registered, the measures that it has put in place to become registered.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
12	Information about the measures and procedures to isolate and care for children who falls ill during the day.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
13	Information about the procedures that will apply when a staff member gets sick or show symptoms that are linked to COVID-19	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

14	Information that a child with a known underlying health condition(s) that may place that child at a higher than normal risk category that may not return, unless a medical practitioner has given written authorization that it will be safe for such a child to return to and participate in the early childhood development programme and/or partial care facility.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
15	Information on the requirements and non-requirement for wearing face masks while attending the an early childhood development programme and/or partial care facility	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
16	How social/physical distancing will be practiced or adjusted.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
17	I have been informed that a child must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian, or if not feasible due to practical reasons, a person designated by a parent or legal guardian, as to be present every day when the child arrives for the purpose the symptom screening.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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