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Information for parents

whose children are cared for in child day care facilities or in child day care centres

Information for the responsible body, management, staff

of child day care facilities and child day care centres

Child day care and self-testing from 12 April 2021

Child day care in North Rhine-Westphalia will remain in limited regular operation after 11 April 2021 until further notice. The rules set out in the Official Information dated 26 March 2021 will continue to apply.

The limited regular operation from 12 April 2021 will be accompanied by a comprehensive test offer. Self-tests will be made available to all children and employees in child day care as well as day carers by the state. Children are tested by their parents at home. Self-tests are used on a voluntary basis. However, in addition to the hygiene measures that must still be strictly adhered to and the vaccinations of employees and day carers, the testing option is another important building block for further increasing health and infection protection and maintaining the operation of child day care. The vaccinations will be continued according to the guidelines of the Ministry of Labour, Health and Social Affairs.

The submission of a test result is not a prerequisite for taking up employment or taking up the childcare offer.

Information about self-tests

So-called rapid antigen tests will be made available, which determine whether a person is infectious at the time of testing within 15 minutes. The tests procured by the MKFFI are tests for self-administration that have been approved by the Federal Institute for Drugs and Medical Devices for self-administration by laypersons. The self-tests are performed using a swab of the anterior nasal region. The attached instruction manual contains a QR code to this training video:

https://h5.9fm.cn/jssg46?url=e666G_bDxSP2G

The instructions can also be found here:

<https://www.mkffi.nrw/corona-aktuelle-informationen-fuer-die-kindertagesbetreuung>

Provision and scope of the self-tests

In the week beginning 12 April 2021, the first self-tests will be distributed to the child day care facilities and day carers via the responsible bodies and youth welfare offices. At the same time, further deliveries will begin, which will then be made directly to the facilities. For child day care centres, delivery will continue to be made via the youth welfare offices. The Ministry has ordered tests in sufficient quantity. Nevertheless, it cannot be ruled out that deliveries may be subject to delays or minor deviations in quantity.

Provision is made for two self-tests per person per week for both employees and children. The distribution of the tests to the employees and parents is to be carried out by the facilities on their own responsibility.

Initially, packaging units with five tests will be supplied, which are to be distributed accordingly. Subsequently, individual packages will be supplied.

Place and time of voluntary testing

Employees should coordinate the location and timing of self-testing with the responsible bodies. Independent day carers decide on their own responsibility.

Parents test their children at home using the supplied self-tests and decide on their own responsibility when to test their children.

Dealing with test results

In the event of a positive test result, employees or day carers are not allowed to look after children. Children who test positive are not allowed to attend day care.

The positive self-test result does not trigger any obligation to notify the health authorities. However, a PCR test must be carried out immediately at a test centre or by the family doctor. Until the test date, all contact should be avoided and home quarantine maintained. In the event of a positive PCR result, further steps must be taken in accordance with the regulations of the respective federal state or in accordance with the order of the locally competent authorities. This also applies to the child's return to care or the employee's return to work.

**Ministry for Children, Family, Refugees and Integration of
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