

Advice for Registered Childminders:

It is advised that child-minding services can continue as long as the number of children in the setting at any particular time in day does not exceed **three**. The continuation of your service can only be offered to the children of essential/critical workers or for children identified as vulnerable.

Service can continue **unless** a positive case of COVID-19 is identified or the child belongs to a family that has a member of the family who is self-isolating.

Childminding services should be suspended if you or any household member experience flu-like symptoms in line with the information provided on:

<https://www.gov.je/health/coronavirus/pages/coronavirusinformation.aspx>

Child minders should follow their established procedures to ensure children who become sick or exhibit flu like symptoms are sent home as soon as possible.

Childminders should follow stringent disinfection routines in line with those recommended by Public Health.

Practice social distancing policies making sure the children are not within 2 metres from each other at all times.

Consider staggering the use of shared spaces to minimise the number of children using them at one time.

Childminders should have hand sanitizers and children should be encouraged to practice hand washing under supervision in line with the advice on gov.je

The children should be encouraged to practice respiratory etiquettes at all times.

Childminders should suspend trips that could expose the children to potential community spread of COVID-19 but children are encouraged to safely use outdoor spaces where social distancing rules allow.

Where childminders have different children in their care at different times during a normal day, additional measures to ensure appropriate hygiene should be taken.

Key messages:

1. Incorporate handwashing in your daily activities.
2. Sanitize cots/mats daily.
 - Example: Encourage daily sanitizing of cots/mats regardless of whether or not they are assigned to specific children.
3. Launder your sleep and outerwear items more frequently.
 - Example: Instead of washing items once a week have items washed daily.
4. Sanitize all materials and equipment daily.
 - Example:
 - Toys that are handled by children are placed in a bucket or sink and sanitized daily.
 - Sanitize cots and mattress at the end of each day.
 - Spray down all furniture and surfaces in your premises with sanitizer solution and let it air dry overnight.
 - Car seats should be cleaned daily or between usage by different children.

(Source: Guidance for childcare providers from Indiana State USA in line with CDC recommendations https://www.in.gov/fssa/files/COVID-19_guidance_Child_Care.pdf)